

**COMMENT OF
THE DAY**

**The Bridge
Project**

HONGKONG will want to know many more details about the new harbour bridge plan before residents can begin to make up their minds about it. But the details published in yesterday's China Mail do, as the promoters point out, provide a basis for discussion and even though the plan is a private venture, it is unlikely that it will be translated into effect for some time. So there is no suggestion that we are being rushed into anything premature.

Certainly some link between island and mainland will be needed in the future if the Colony continues to grow at the rate of the last ten years. But whether an "S"-shaped under-the-harbour tunnel or a bridge is the best plan, that is something the experts can decide when they are able to compare all the details of the two projects.

The idea of obtaining a loan externally is a sound one for, if the loan is forthcoming, it immediately makes the project feasible from a financial standpoint. It is, too, we feel, an undertaking which commends itself to development by private enterprise.

Government would do well to give the question early consideration. For it is something that requires attention before any further major community-planning is contemplated—planning which could make a bridge or a tunnel scheme completely impracticable.

On the facts presented, it would appear the bridge plan is cheaper and requires less maintenance than a tunnel. The latter has other virtues, however, which cannot be ignored, including the possibility of providing an unobstructed rail as well as road link between island and mainland.

Hongkong expects to await further details of the rival schemes.

Tiresome Critics

HOW much longer is this tiresome tirade of complaints going to continue against Hongkong-made goods? It is high time British manufacturers absorbed the true facts about our production potential, for if anything, local industry is going to be turning out more and more in future years. And most of this output will be destined for world markets.

Hongkong officials have stressed that all this publicity does our industry no harm and is, in fact, free advertisement for our manufacturers. That may be so but these cheapening "Made in Hongkong" marks (quaffing for Imperial Preference, these nefarious allegations suggest) must stop. There is a stigma attached to Japanese goods which must not be associated with our products.

We have listened tolerantly to the criticisms of our umbrellas, toys, gloves (woollen), brushes, shirts, enamelware and now felt hats. Our agent in London is doing a first-class job correcting the fallacious beliefs of a number of British industrialists.

Now it is time for the Federation of British Industries or the National Union of Manufacturers to send to Hongkong a delegation representative of all sections of industry feeling the pinch in the competitive fight with goods made here and exported abroad. Let this group come out here and see for itself just what's happening in this Colony. They obviously don't know and won't believe what they're told. These absurd complaints must be brought to an end.

TURMOIL IN THE SOUTH AMERICA REPUBLICS

**UPRISING IN
GUATEMALA**

**Another New
China Mail
Sports Feature**

Asian sports standards, so long behind those of the rest of the world, are now very much on the upgrade—so much so that many European sporting publications are beginning to sit up and take notice and enquire for more news.

Much of this is covered by the press agencies, but much more of interest escapes notice. The sports editor of the China Mail will, beginning with today's issue, present in a weekly feature, news of Asian sports interest for Hongkong sportsmen who will be able to follow the sporting scene in India, Pakistan, Japan, the Philippines, Singapore, Malaya, Ceylon, Indonesia and North Borneo.

This feature, **ASIAN SPORTS REVIEW**, will appear in the China Mail every Friday.

**He Walked
Across
HK-Border**

Sydney, Jan. 20. Mr. Alfred White, an Australian businessman who said he "just walked across the border" from Hongkong into Communist China without passport or visa, today appeared before the Royal Commission on espionage.

His name appeared in a document handed over by Vladimir Petrov, the former secret police chief at the Soviet embassy in Canberra, when he sought sanctuary in Australia. Mr. White said he was not a Communist, nor was his work top exporting company, Australian Merchandise and Enterprises Limited, connected with the Communist Party.

He had visited China, touring Canton, Shanghai, Peking and other cities, in September 1952. Mr. White said he could give no reason why Soviet spy headquarters in Moscow knew of his company, except through its trading relations with Russia.—Reuter.

TRAIN DISASTER

Tokyo, Jan. 21. Three people were killed and 30 injured when an electric train, derailed by stones on the line, fell on the bank of the Tery River last night, about 100 miles west of Tokyo.—China Mail Special.

"Two-Gun" Cohen Speaks...

Characteristically, Morris Abraham ("Two-Gun") Cohen sees nothing incongruous about being a Jewish general in the Chinese army. In tomorrow's China Mail, the Stepney-born problem child who became Sun Yat-sen's bodyguard gives his views of the Communist-Nationalist feud.

There is a good chance of the two factions coming to terms, he says in an article in which he looks back into his thrill-packed past and into the misty future. This is one of a number of highlight feature stories appearing in tomorrow's big 20-page China Mail, Hongkong's

Ladies: there is a specialty for YOU: A famous novelist has her face lifted and tells you how she feels about it all, what she had to do and what happened in the doctor's clinic.

Sir Beverley Baxter suggests the Labour Party rename itself the "Liberal-Socialist Party" to get the Liberal votes.

The London theatre spotlight this week focuses on the man discovered by Sir Laurence Olivier, who has just been awarded a £20,000 film contract.

Tomorrow's Mail has a full ration of interest, excitement

**Air Assault In
Costa Rica**

Guatemala City, Jan. 20.

Guatemala announced today that Communist-inspired revolutionaries attacked the Aurora military base outside Guatemala City today in an attempt to overthrow the regime which ousted the pro-Communist government of Jacobo Arbenz Guzman eight months ago.

The government announcement said a number of persons were killed and wounded in the fighting. There was no indication whether the rebels included followers of Arbenz, who was exiled from the country and is now living in Switzerland.

Arbenz was overthrown last June in an 11-day revolution led by Colonel Carlos Castillo Armas, who is now President. The Castillo Armas victory resulted in the outlawing of Communism in Guatemala and was hailed by the United States as a major contribution toward blocking the establishment of a Communist beachhead in the Western hemisphere.

The outbreak of fighting in Guatemala left three of the six Central American Republics in political turmoil. President Jose Remon of Panama was machine-gunned to death on January 2 and Panama has been under a state of siege since then. Costa Rica still is trying to crush a revolutionary move against the government of President Jose Figueres, which the Costa Rican government claims was inspired and directed by President Anastasio Somoza of Nicaragua.

Informal sources said the new revolt in Guatemala was led by Colonel Francisco Cossenza, former Guatemalan Ambassador to Italy. Unconfirmed reports said five persons were killed in the clash at the Aurora military base.—United Press.

REBELS ATTACKED
San Jose, Costa Rica, Jan. 20. Costa Rican warplanes today blasted a rebel troop convoy on the Pan American highway near La Cruz and attacked other rebel concentrations in Northern Costa Rica, the government announced tonight.

A government communiqué said two of the four F-51 Mustang fighters acquired from the United States for \$1 each "shot up" the rebel convoy and went on to attack insurgent troop concentrations "causing serious damage".

Heavily-armed rebel troops, meanwhile, halted a government drive 1,000 yards outside the fortress of Santa Rosa in Northwestern Costa Rica. The insurgents were armed with great force was aimed with mortars and bazookas and supported by machineguns. Government authorities said the rebels halted their westward crawl toward the newly-created

demilitarized zone along the Nicaraguan border and seemed prepared to stand and fight.

MOBILISING FORCES

Managua, Nicaragua, Jan. 20.

President Anastasio Somoza of Nicaragua declared today he was mobilising his country's forces on the southern border with Costa Rica to avoid violation of Nicaraguan territory.

"The possibility of international conflict is grave," he told correspondents here. President Somoza complained that a patrol plane of the Organisation of American States had served as a "blind" for Costa Rican bombers which had "wiped out" the small town of La Cruz, near the Nicaraguan frontier and penetrated Nicaraguan territory.

He said the Nicaraguan air force had been put on a round the clock alert and would patrol the border. "Another violation of our territory would be a sufficient motive to provoke war between the two countries," he declared. "And worse yet, the conflict could be converted into a continental dispute because Nicaragua would have various friendly countries as allies."

President Somoza said the presence of an OAS patrol plane would have prevented any rebels round La Cruz from defending themselves. **PREDICTED DEVELOPMENT**
On hearing of the La Cruz bombing from his son, Colonel Anastasio Somoza, the President said: "This is the situation I predicted to the OAS investigating commission would occur if they put dangerous toys in the hands of a fanatic."

(Early this week the United States sold Costa Rica for one dollar each.)

President Somoza said he would never consent to a personal interview with President Jose Figueres of Costa Rica in a bid to end the tension between the two countries.

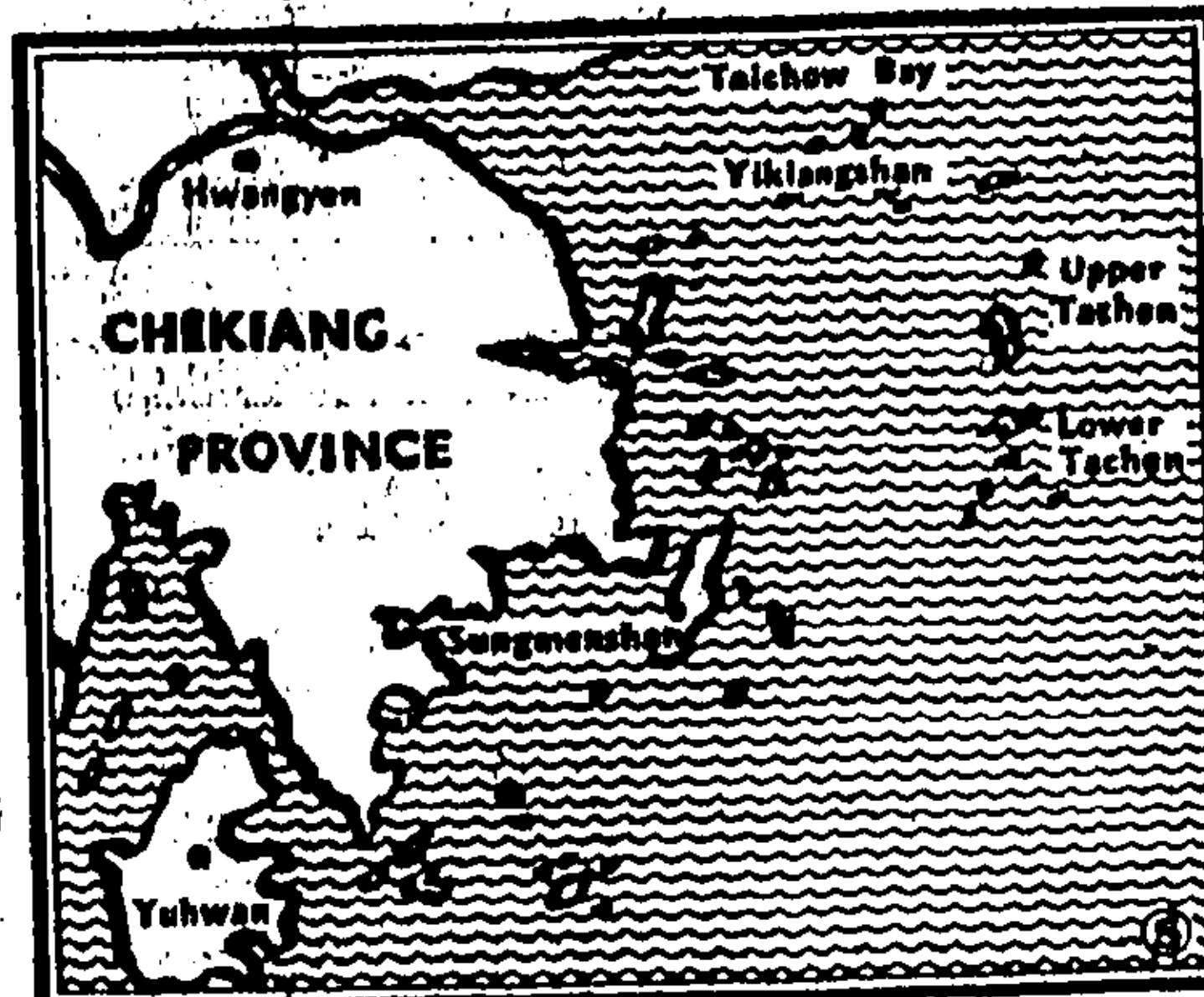
"How could I, with the person who tried to assassinate me?" he asked. "If there is no explanation from the Costa Rican Government today and a promise not to violate our territory further we will take adequate measures to repel the aggressions and safeguard our dignity and territorial integrity."—Reuter.

**Pole-Squatting
Girl's Record**

Portland, Jan. 20. A girl of 18, who has now been pole-squatting 80 feet above Portland, Washington, for 153 days claims to have broken all records.

But she is not giving up. In fact, she wants to stay on her perch till February 6.

The idea, it seems, is to discourage other pole-squatters from trying to beat her. What she thinks about up aloft is not stated, but her only pastimes are the radio and telephone talks with her friends.—France Press.



**Tachen Is.
Evacuation Under
Consideration In
Washington**

Washington, Jan. 21.

The United States National Security Council met today amid reports that congressional authority might be sought to use United States navy ships and planes to evacuate Chinese Nationalist troops from some islands off the Communist Chinese coast.

The meeting of the National Security Council, top defence organisation composed of the President and high officials, followed a secret briefing to congressional leaders on the Far East situation by the Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles.

Mr Dulles was reported to have told the congressional leaders at a 90-minute meeting that the Administration would like to have the evacuation authority in cases such action was necessary.

Two congressional leaders, who asked not to be named, said that if the President decided to seek authority he might make the request by next Monday.

Senator Walter George, the new Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, told reporters "Mr Dulles gave us a bird's-eye view of the military situation in the Far East, particularly in the Formosan area."

"We also were briefed on the status of the 11 American airmen held by the Chinese Communists following the report which Mr Dulles received yesterday from Mr Hammarskjöld, United Nations Secretary-General."

Asked if the outlook was encouraging, Senator George replied: "We do hope that eventually the fliers will be released and that more stability will be brought to the Far East."

**SE Asia
Defence Plans
Shake-Up
Predicted**

London, Jan. 20.

The Daily Express political correspondent writes: Sir Winston Churchill and the Commonwealth premiers are to discuss a dramatic shake-up of defence plans when they meet in London at the end of the month.

Top priority is to be given to a new all-Commonwealth setup to guard Southeast Asia. The core of this will be an Imperial strategic reserve based in Malaya.

At present there are 25,000 British and colonial troops based in Malaya—most of them engaged in anti-terrorist activity. Australia and New Zealand are now being asked to put troops in the Malayan theatre.

The new Commonwealth plans are being put forward because 1. Australia and New Zealand (and the ANZUS pact) which Britain is excluded doesn't give sufficient safeguards on the Asian mainland.

2. Britain and the dominions are unimpressed by the present proposal for SEATO which will be discussed in Bangkok next month. It is felt these powers will leave SEATO as a paper organisation without adequate forces.

Initial discussions on the new plans have already started since the arrival of Sir Frederick Shepherd, permanent head of Australia's Defence Ministry, in London Express Service.

**Eleven
Sentenced
To Death**

**PEOPLE'S COURT
VERDICT**

Paris, Jan. 20.

Eleven "armed agents" parachuted over Communist China by the United States and Nationalist China have been sentenced to death by a Chinese People's Court, the New China News Agency reported tonight.

Ten others were given prison sentences and two were acquitted. The "armed agents" were alleged to have been parachuted over Kwangtung province in 1952. They were sentenced by a Kwangtung provincial people's court on Jan. 11.

The "agents" sentenced to death included "group leaders" Hua Ping-yueh, and Chiu Chung-chih, the agency said.

CONTINGENT OF 60
The "agents" were part of a "contingent" of 60 dropped in four groups from American planes manned by American personnel, the New China News Agency said.

The remaining members of the "contingent" were all said to have been killed in the fighting. All the weapons, radio transmitters, ammunition, maps and parachutes captured were made in the United States. Some of the "agents" were said to have taken off on their espionage mission from Okinawa and others from Formosa. Some of them allegedly received "espionage" training in Kanagawa, Japan.

The mission of the "agents" was to "set up" guerrilla bases, organise a college military school, collect intelligence, and carry out armed disturbances in preparation for war against China.—France Press.

**Kills Major,
Then Himself**

Cairo, Jan. 20.

An infantry captain committed suicide in front of his troops here today, after shooting to death the major charged with relaying to him an order which he had previously refused to obey.

The captain, Ala el Dine Hidayat, who ignored an order from the High Command several days ago, became furious when Major Ezzat Abdul Ghani ordered him to execute the command.

He whipped out a revolver and shot the major despite the intervention of a general who was present. Hidayat then committed suicide before his troops.—France Press.

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**The Bride &
The Mouse**

Odo, Jan. 20. An heroic bride, at Spangberg, near Oslo, unflinchingly allowed a mouse which got inside her long white wedding dress to "kiss" her leg rather than to disrupt the church marriage ceremony. The priest noticed that she seemed rather agitated at the altar, but he put it down to normal excitement on the "great day". When the intrepid mouse finally bit her leg and tore her stocking, the embarrassed bride could stand the strain no longer and said in a voice which could be heard throughout the church, "The mouse!" Finally, her brother, a well-known football player, administered a well-placed kick. The mischievous mouse beat a hasty retreat and the priest gave the newlyweds his blessings.—France Press.

**MURDERER
SENT TO
ASYLUM**

London, Jan. 20.

A 23-year-old ex-airman, Christopher Owden, who went to the cinema after stabbing his ex-girl friend 25 times, was yesterday sent to the Broadmoor criminal asylum for indefinite detention.

Medical evidence was given at his trial here that Owden, found guilty but insane of murdering Miss Patricia Wood, 20-year-old neighbour, in a suburban street, suffered from schizophrenia (split personality) and did not know he was doing wrong at the time.

He was alleged to have bought a knife to kill the girl after she broke off her engagement to him and attacked her in the front porch of her home, stabbing her seven times on the front of the body and 18 times in the back. He also hit her with a milk bottle.

Police said that in a statement after his arrest, Owden told them he later went to a West End cinema, then to a cafe for a cup of tea and after reading of her death in the evening papers, went to a second cinema on the same evening. He was then arrested.

Owden, though he pleaded not guilty, did not give evidence. The defence admitted the charge but set out to prove he was insane.

Two years ago he spent some months in a mental home after attempting to kill himself with a knife while serving in the Royal Air Force. He had since become a salesman.—China Mail Special.

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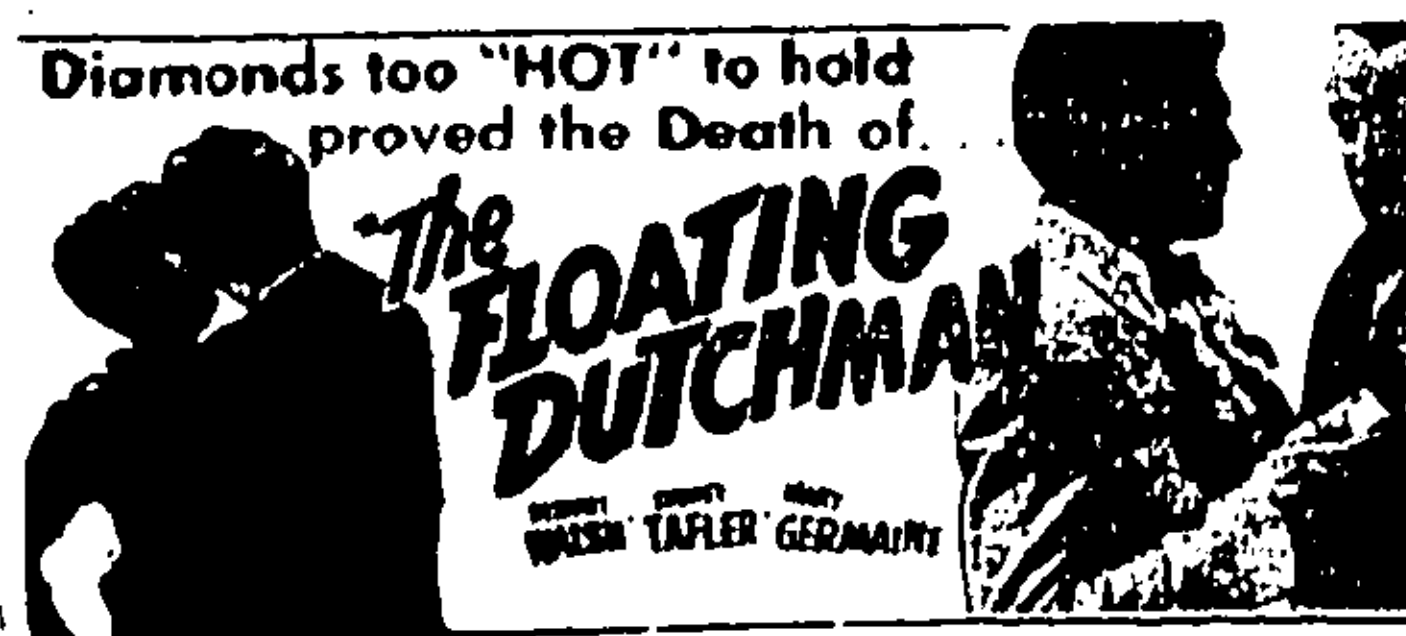
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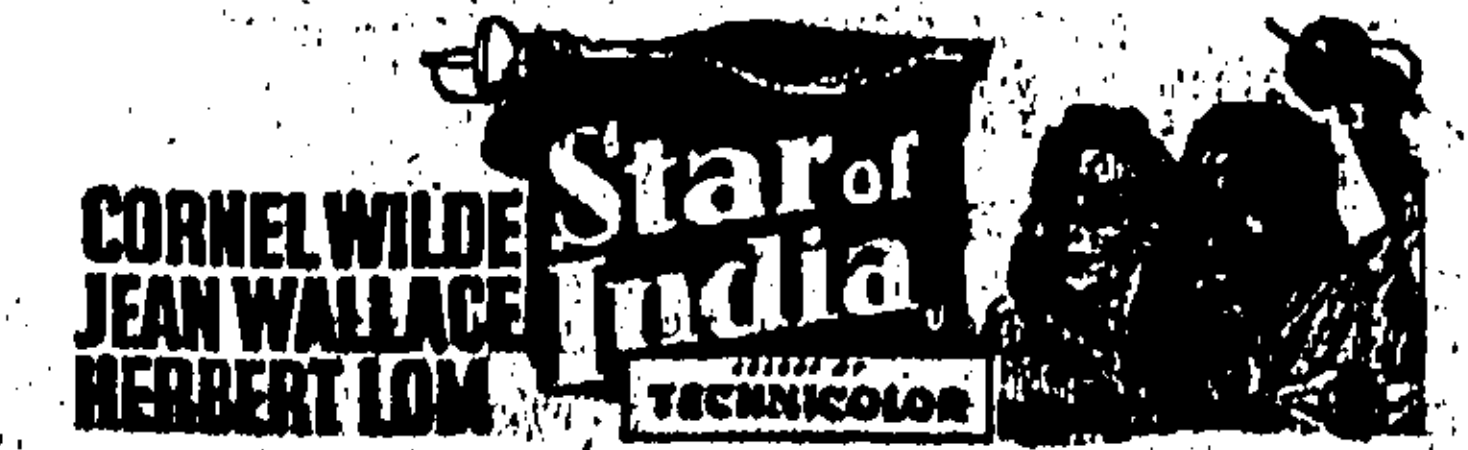
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VIETNAM OFFICERS

American Military
Mission To
Undertake Training
O'DANIEL VOLUNTEERS
TO STAY ON

Washington, Jan. 20.

The United States military mission in Vietnam is expected shortly to begin direct training of Vietnamese officer cadres, according to diplomatic officials here.

They said General J. Lawton Collins, President Eisenhower's special representative in Vietnam, was expected to report on his arrival here on a plan whereby the mission will take over gradually from France the training of the Vietnamese forces.

General John O'Daniel, head of the mission, is voluntarily staying on in Vietnam although he is over retirement age, because he feels he can make an efficient army out of the Vietnamese forces, they said.

ONE-THIRD

They added that probably at the start the mission would take over the training of about one-third of the Vietnamese forces. Its methods would consist of a highly intensive training course to select Vietnamese officers who, in turn, would become instructors for training Vietnamese forces on a battalion basis.

They understood that, as the French forces are progressively reduced in Vietnam, the mission would take more and more responsibility for training the Vietnamese Army in the latest United States tactics in which the morale of the troops will be stressed.

They said that after the French Army evacuated

Haiphong in Northern Vietnam in May, as provided in the Geneva agreement, drastic cuts would begin in the French forces in Southern Vietnam.

The sources understood that the French forces in Vietnam now totalled about 130,000 but by the end of the year they would probably be reduced to between 50,000 and 70,000 as compared with an original estimate of 100,000.

They said this drastic reduction in French forces would place a far greater responsibility on the Vietnamese forces for protecting Southern Vietnam which includes removal of the Communist bosses in the country areas.

DOLLAR ALLOCATION

The amount of dollars the U.S. will shortly allocate for the costs of the French forces in Vietnam should go a long way to meeting their expenses if a little over 60,000 troops remain there, according to these sources.—United Press.

CHINA SUPPORT

London, Jan. 20.
Communist China will give full support to North Vietnam in its struggle to consolidate peace in Indo-China, Mr. Chou En-lai, Chinese Prime Minister, said today in a message to Mr. Pham Van Dong, the North Vietnam Foreign Minister.

The New China News Agency said that the message, marking the fifth anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries, also promised full support in rehabilitation and reconstruction.

Friendly co-operation between the two countries had been greatly developed during the past five years, the message added.—Reuter.

N. AFRICAN
APPEAL
TO U.S.Washington, Jan. 20.
El Abed Bouhafa, a representative of the "Committee for Freedom of North Africa," has sent a letter to President Eisenhower urging that the United States support a move to bring the Algerian independence question before the United Nations Security Council.

The letter was released today by the Embassy of Saudi Arabia—the country which asked the Security Council on January 5 to take up the French-Arab conflict in Algeria as a "threat to international peace."

El Bouhafa said a recent French Press report that the United States will oppose asking of the Algerian question has caused "great shock and disappointment to the Algerian people."

He said the transfer of French troops from Europe to North Africa is "harming Arab-American friendship," as the troops are equipped with American-made arms.—United Press.

Lynn Baggett
Released
From GaolHollywood, Jan. 20.
Actress Lynn Baggett was released from the County Gaol women's detention facility today after serving 60 days for hit-run driving.

The blond actress got 10 days off for good behavior and she reported that her imprisonment gave her a new outlook on life.

"This didn't do me any harm," the 27-year-old actress said. "It was my college. I mopped floors, washed dishes, worked as a waitress and took care of the linen room."

Miss Baggett, estranged wife of movie producer Sam Spiegel, was convicted of hit-run driving following an accident in which a nine-year-old boy was killed last July.—United Press.



Marshal Rodolfo Graziani—Mussolini's "Lion of Africa" has died in Rome after an operation—he was 72. He had been under treatment at a private clinic for a fortnight and underwent an operation for a stomach ailment. He led Mussolini's "last gasp" rebel Army after Italy had surrendered in 1943 and was one of Il Duce's most faithful generals. He hated England. After the war he was sentenced to 19 years' imprisonment by a military tribunal for collaboration with the Nazis. He spent only a few months in prison because the remainder of his sentence was remitted by amnesties.—Express Photo.

Mr France Offered
Alcoholic Milk
By British Dairy

London, Jan. 20.

Mortlocks Modern Dairies appealed to the French Prime Minister, M. Pierre Mendes-France, tonight to join their campaign to make milk more interesting to the masses by spiking it with alcohol.

Mortlocks' managing-director, Mrs. Polly Laidlaw, wrote a letter to milk-drinking "Mr. France" to accompany the 34 noggings of the alcoholic milk called Noggos which the Dairies are flying the Premier tomorrow.

PIONEERS

"We as dairymen of long esteem in this country and as pioneers of sterilized milk in England are following your campaign to encourage your people to drink more milk with interest," Mrs. Laidlaw wrote.

"This company felt the need to help make milk more interesting to the masses."

But Mrs. Laidlaw cautioned M. Mendes-France to tread slowly in his drive to wean Frenchmen away from straight liquor and wine.

"We realise that your campaign is to discourage your people from drinking alcohol," she wrote.

"But we consider our method will be a great help in weaning the public from straight spirits and, at the same time, introducing them to a form of milk drinking."

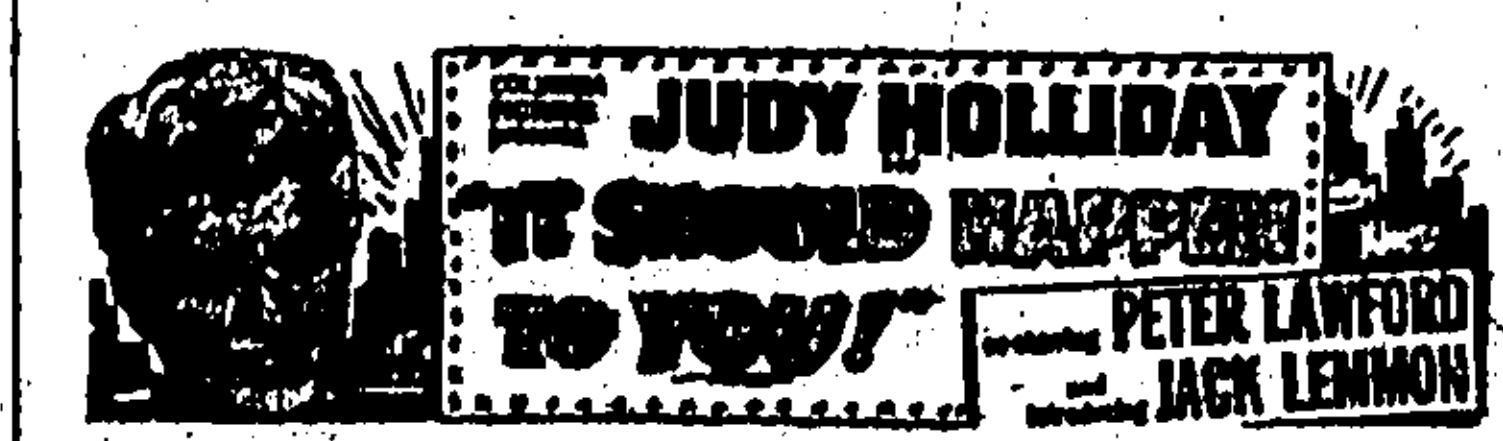
WIDE-OPEN MARKET

Mrs. Laidlaw told M. Mendes-France she thought Noggos in four blends for your personal sampling with cur compliments, she wrote. "May we also wish you every success in your worthy campaign."

"We shall esteem it a great favour, Sir, if you will kindly accept this sample box of Noggos in four blends for your personal sampling with cur compliments," she wrote. "May we also wish you every success in your worthy campaign."

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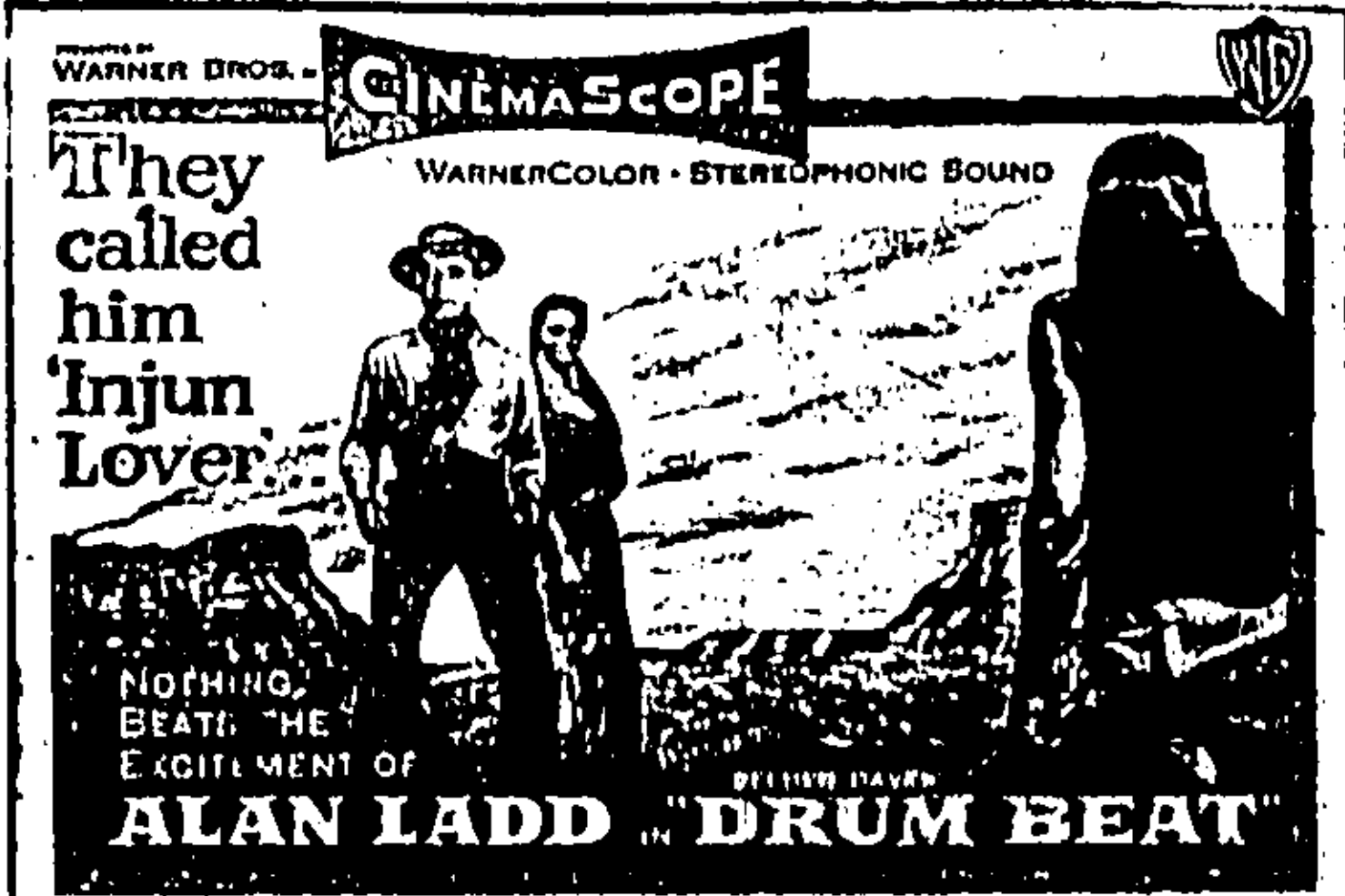


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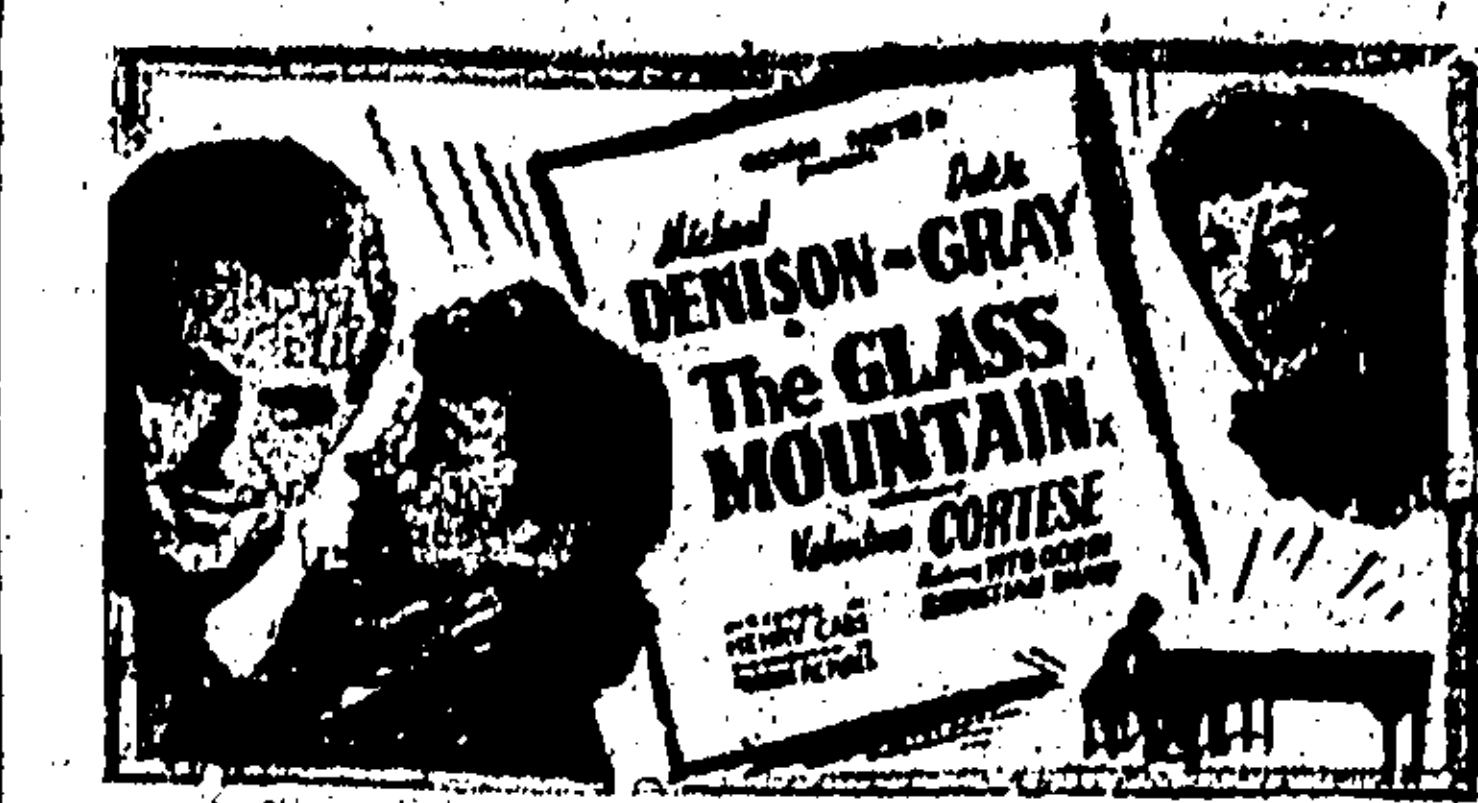
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GENERAL RIDGWAY

RIDGWAY TO BE RETAINED

Washington, Jan. 20. General Matthew B. Ridgway is to be retained as United States Chief of Staff beyond March 31 next, his normal retirement date, it was announced tonight.

In making the announcement the Secretary of the Army, Mr. Robert Stevens, said he was acting under a law authorizing the retention in service of up to five years of officers beyond the age of 60 who had 35 years of service.

General Ridgway was appointed Chief of Staff on August 15, 1953, for a two-year term. He would have been subject to mandatory retirement on reaching the age of 60 at the end of March.

He was formerly Supreme Commander in Korea. Reuter.

Prime Ministers Will Be Guest Of The Queen

London, Jan. 20. Queen Elizabeth will give a dinner at Buckingham Palace, London, on February 2 for the Prime Ministers attending the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' conference, it was announced today.

The Commonwealth Relations Office here said the talks, opening on Monday week, would probably last nine or ten days.

The prime ministers' meeting is the first since June 1953, Sir Winston Churchill will preside over the talks which will be private.

The Commonwealth Relations Office said the Commonwealth Prime Ministers will attend the meeting, except Mr. Johannes Strijdom, the South African Premier, who will be represented by his Minister of Justice, Mr. Charles Swart. Reuter.

Fight With A Rebel Patrol In Costa Rica

By John Abney

Managua, Nicaragua, Jan. 20.

You can taste fear when you are waiting for oncoming destruction. It is dry and it makes your throat swell no matter how often you swallow.

We felt that fear on Saturday afternoon while waiting with a poorly-trained Government patrol for a rebel tank to come in sight along the inter-American highway that bisects the Costa Rican jungles.

It began at 2 p.m. when a Government patrol of 10 men armed with rifles and sub-machineguns set out from Santa Rosa. Three correspondents, George Skidding of Life, Phil Payne of Time and Paul Sanchez of NBC-TV.

It was a hot afternoon with a slight breeze now and then in the open spaces where the grass grows waist high. The dense jungle was sticky with the heat.

We moved about three miles from the Government's advance outpost, then set up in an ambush near a big clearing where there were scattered trees and high grass. The patrol leader waved to us and we fell flat, waiting. We heard what we thought was a tank coming toward us.

I dropped behind a bushy clump 20 yards from the road and watched them coming. It was a half-track loaded with green-uniformed soldiers wearing United States helmets. They had a deadly look about them.

It was then I felt the fear. As the truck moved near us, three men of our badly trained patrol began firing into the rebels who poured over the sides of the half-track and scrambled into positions along the road. The fight was on. From the direction of the rebel firing we knew they had dispersed with efficiency and were working on us from both sides.

HEAVY EXPLOSIONS
Heavy explosions from grenades shot the ground while the chatter of machineguns and rifles a few yards away continued. The rebel fire began cutting the top of the grass and knocking twigs from my bush and I snaked another 25 feet to the rear.

A muzzle blast from a rifle a few feet to the side made me think our patrol would be as dangerous to run into suddenly as the rebels and I stayed put. It kept up for a solid hour—the high-pitched chatter of the

sub-machineguns, the sounds of mortars, the deep coughing of rifles and the slower hammering of 30 calibre machineguns. At the end of the hour the rebels were falling with jolts as the rebels methodically covered the whole area.

Suddenly it stopped. I looked at my watch and it was an hour since it began. It was now 3.45. I began to feel movements in the high grass, the quick running steps as the rebels came, stopping now and then to listen. I rolled on my back, held my camera and waited. A sub-machinegun and helmet with tufts of camouflage grass on it appeared all at once and then a rebel. He was a businesslike kid who waited hawk-like while I told him I was a correspondent.

HANDS UP
He marched me hands up to the road where they searched and stripped me of all my papers and cameras and put me with the rest of the correspondents lying up in a ditch, our hands over our head.

While other rebels combed the area for more prisoners our guards kept machineguns on us. Across the road they collected their own casualties. They had two dead and four wounded. We pleaded for our cameras to get pictures but to no avail.

A 21-year-old lieutenant named Pacheco was leading the rebels.

His men were grim and mad at the ambush and thought we were members of the Caribbean Legion in the forces of Costa Rican President Jose.

They wanted to shoot us on the spot. But their young lieutenant told them to tie our hands behind us and they marched us down the road to their lines.

We had walked perhaps a mile when there was the sudden clatter of machineguns to the left and a DC-3 appeared over the road trailing smoke and gasoline vapour. It finally disappeared a short distance ahead. Later, a column of thick smoke rose toward the sky.

HANDS NUMB
We and two other prisoners taken in the fight taken to a rebel platoon. My hands were numb and when I began opening and closing them to restore the circulation one rebel saw me and yelled.

Another grabbed my arms while a third came at me with his rifle raised, and yelled, "I'll kill you." He slammed at my head with a rifle butt and I ducked. A sergeant stopped him and said, "No mistreatment of prisoners."

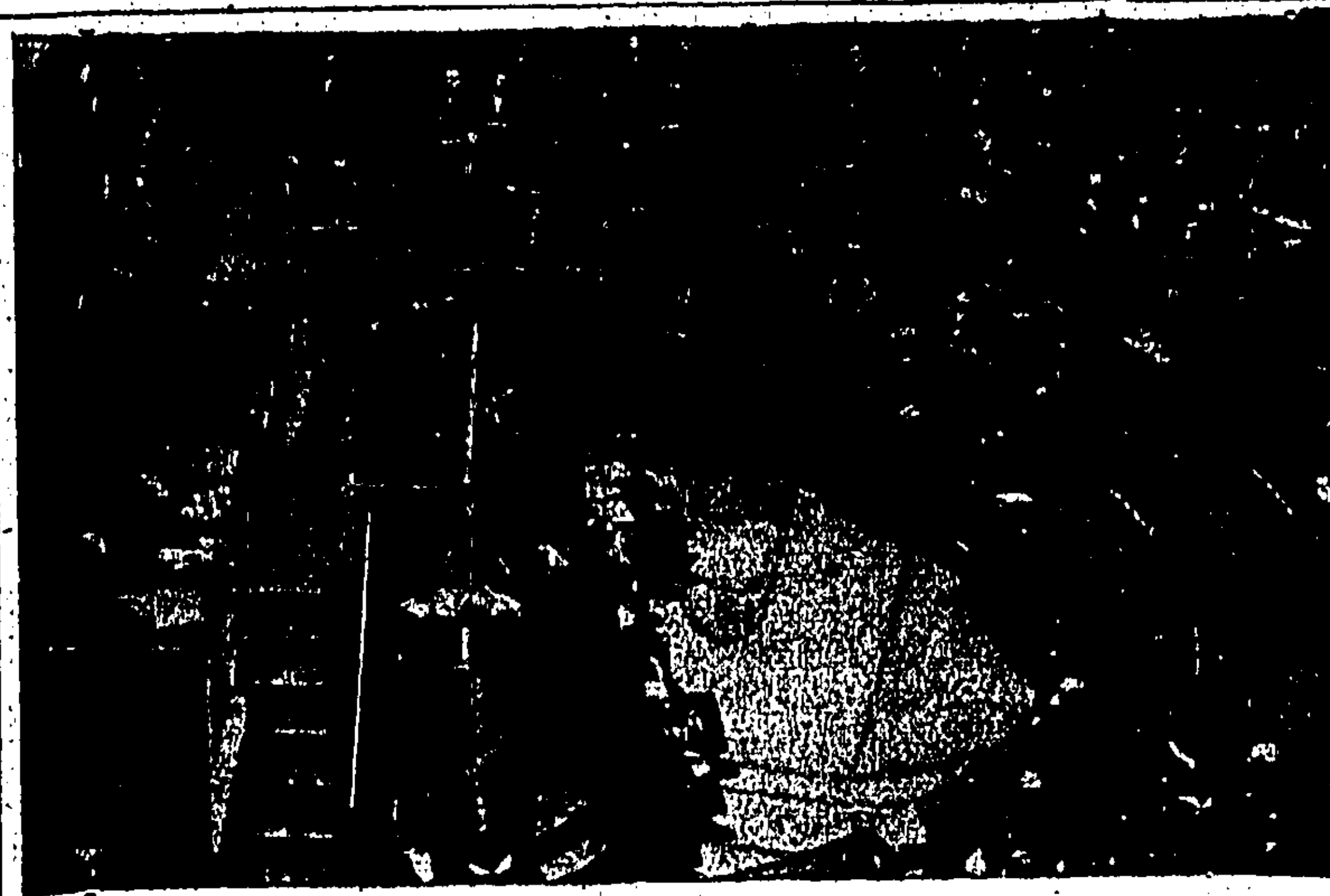
We waited until almost dark when I heard a voice say, "Hello, John, I wondered if it was you. They told me some newsmen were captured."

The voice was that of a friend of mine from Mexico, an exile from Costa Rica named Manuel Caballero. He talked to the officers and a few minutes later our hands were ordered to be untied.

We were marched 15 miles to a battalion headquarters where we lay on our backs by the roadside almost exhausted and looked at the stars almost touching us in the clear night. Manuel brought us water, and the rebels began joking with us.

WIRED OUT
In the morning we met Captain Teodoro Pineda, the 27-year-old West Pointer commanding the rebels at his headquarters and Lieutenant Claudio Funesco, the second-in-command. They told us the whole patrol we were with was wired out.

We were driven later in a truck to headquarters on a rebel airstrip where we saw a P-47 and some AT-6s.



Communist Deputy Marcel Cachin, in his capacity of the oldest member of Parliament (85) delivers the opening speech of the French Parliament's 1955 session. According to the established rule he then invites the M.P.'s to elect the new president of the National Assembly, equivalent to the Speaker or Chairman.—Express Photo.

Kostelanetz Hears Rich Cursing

Singapore, Jan. 20.

When Andre Kostelanetz, one of America's top conductors, releases his symphony of "natural" sounds in two years' time, his recording will include a rich passage of Singapore's waterfront cursing.

Kostelanetz, who is here on one leg of his world tour to collect sounds, walked up unobserved to a group of Chinese boatmen playing a game called "see sek" (four colours) along the Singapore river.

One man called the winning hand, and loser broke into choice, violent, purple profanity. It was promptly recorded for posterity. But when Kostelanetz asked for a translation, none could—or would offer an exact translation.

They explained that the words were a bit unusual. Kostelanetz laughed and said, "No one will know."

LONG-PLAYING RECORD

Kostelanetz plans to use the sounds he collects on his world tour as background for a long-playing record. By the addition of music and narration he will tell the story of famous cities in all parts of the globe.

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Pietermaritzburg, Jan. 20.

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Even those persons who like them are not growing them—they are using stick-on moustaches manufactured overseas.

The non-commissioned officers' mess of the Royal Natal Carbineers in Pietermaritzburg is determined to bring back the moustache fashion and has organised a moustache competition to commemorate the regiment's centenary next year. China Mail Special.

MAXIMS' ALBERT RETIRING

Paris, Jan. 20.

For 50 years, the head-waiter at Maxims, world-famous Paris restaurant, has gravely and discreetly presented cocktails to Kings and potentates and the world's loveliest women.

But tonight Maxims gave a cocktail party at which Albert was the central figure, and all the elite of Paris society came to do honour to the man who for 50 years has been a trusted and respected friend.

There was the director of the Folies Bergere, Paul Derval, the Baron Philippe de Rothschild, the Countess of Toulouse-Lautrec and countless others besides.

The President of the Paris City Council, M. Bernard Lafay, turned up to give Albert—his other never used name is Blaser—the Silver Medal of the City of Paris.

Then came the President of the exclusive club Des Cents (the club with the 100 members, all connoisseurs on the art of good living) to present Albert with a bronze statue of himself, the gift of the people of Paris.—France-Press.

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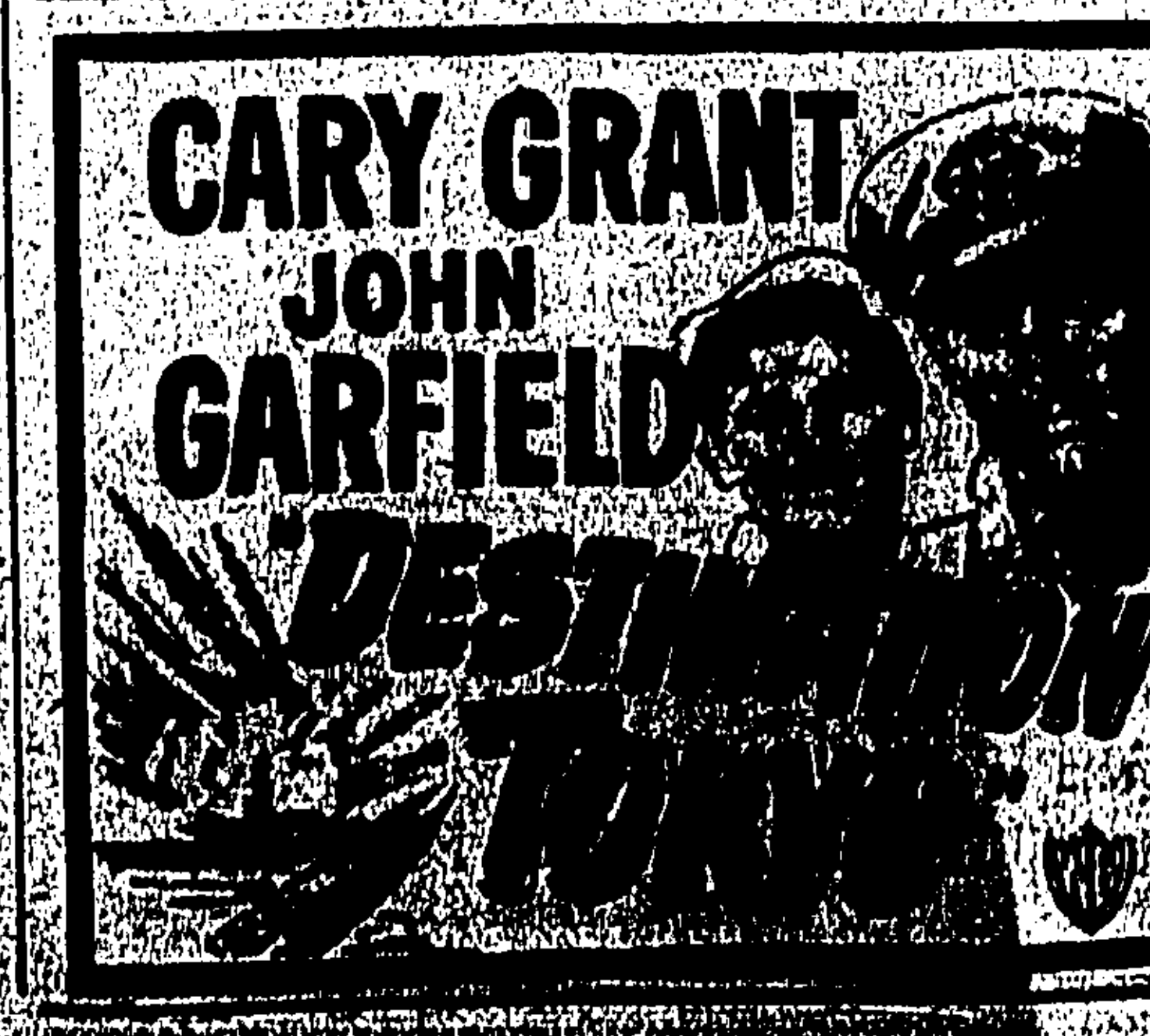
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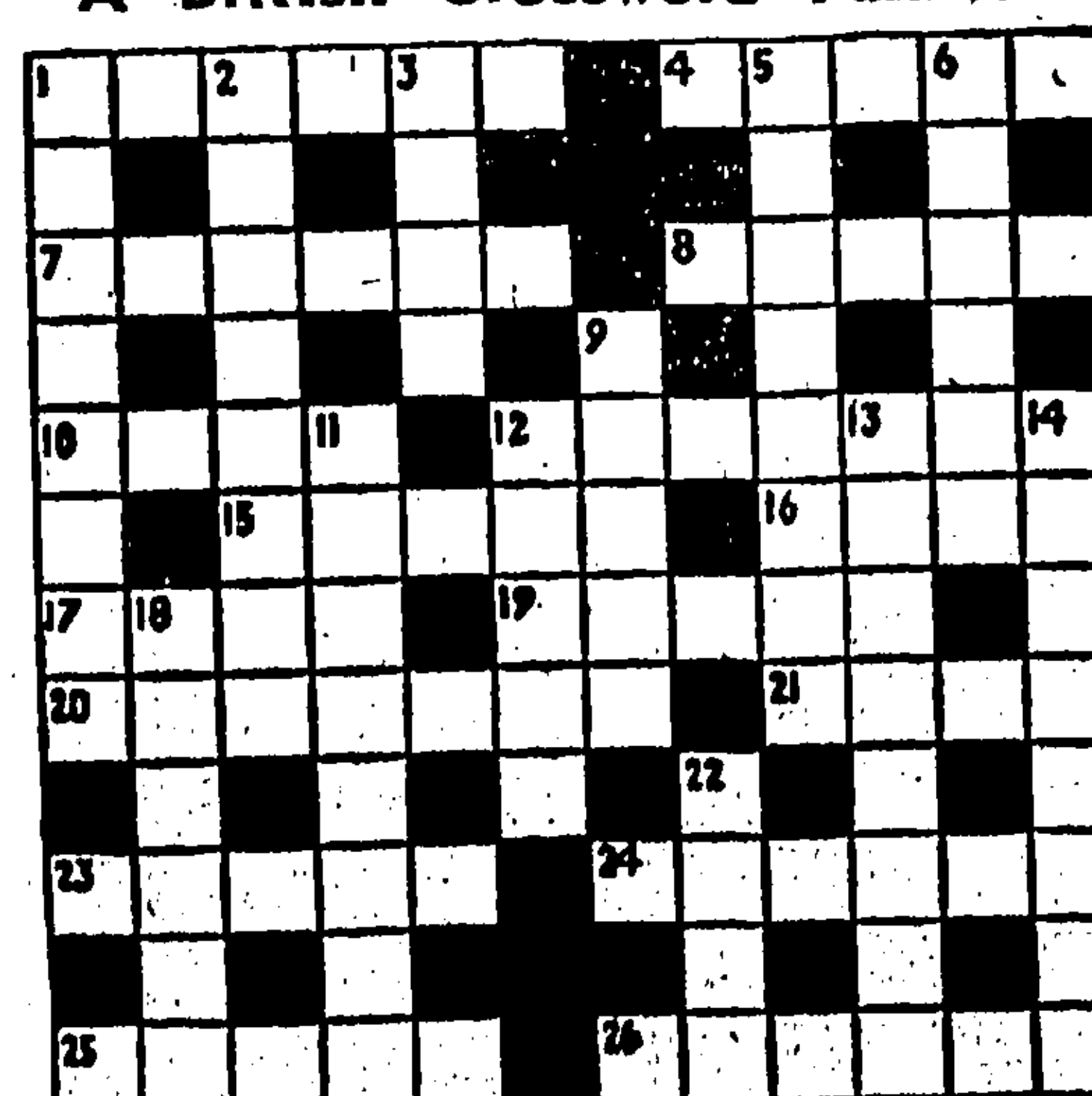


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- 4 Divide (6).
- 7 Female monster (6).
- 8 Stop (5).
- 10 Vein of coal (4).
- 12 Countryman (7).
- 15 Thin wax-candle (5).
- 16 State positively (4).
- 17 Middle East port (4).
- 19 Small cake (5).
- 20 Punkinhead (7).
- 21 Nest (4).
- 23 Part of a church (5).
- 24 Merry (5).
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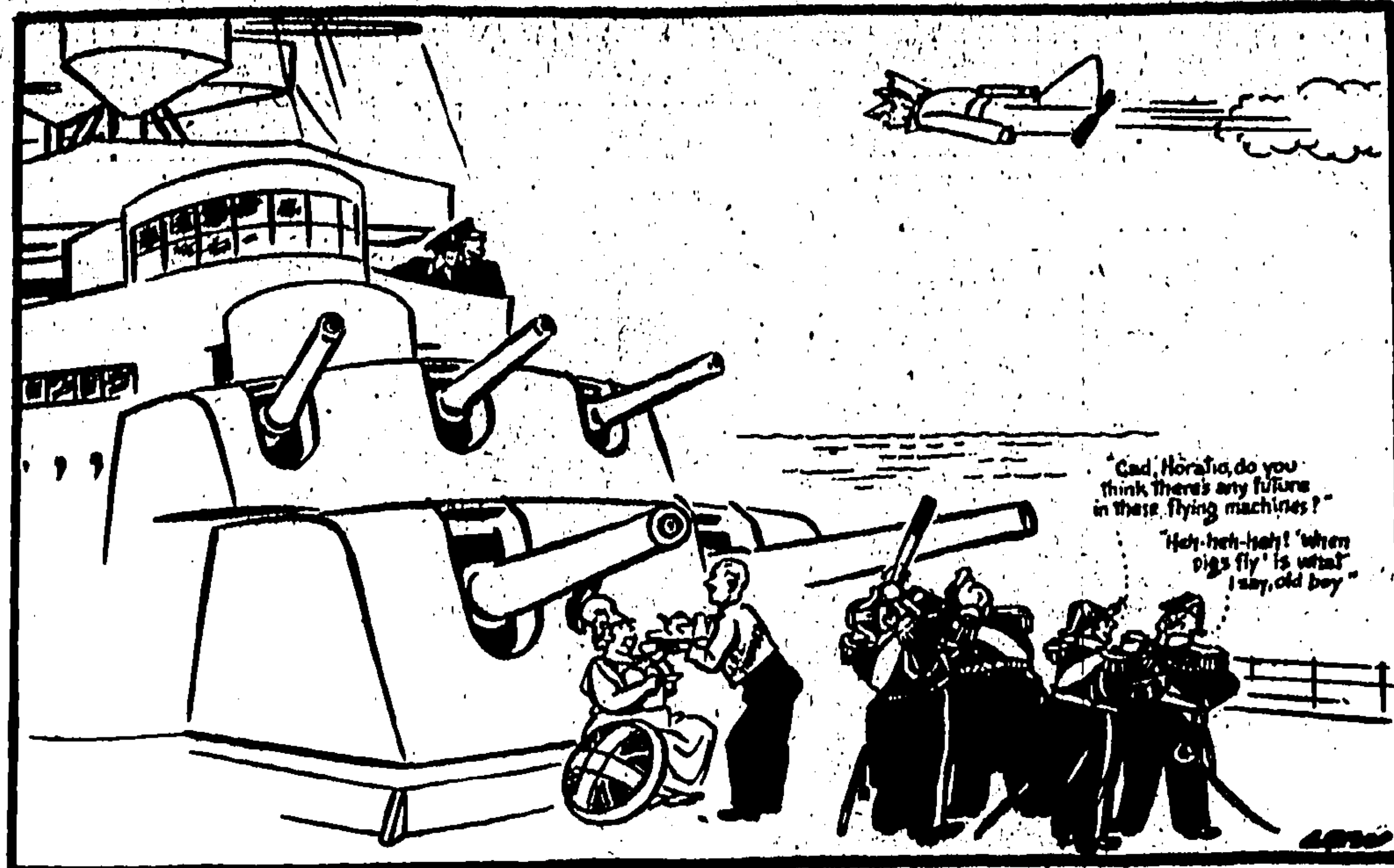
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- 1 Size of paper (8).
- 2 Menace (8).
- 3 Orient (4).
- 5 Agreeable (8).
- 6 Mad (6).
- 9 Clemency (5).
- 11 Handcuffs (5).
- 12 Nuisance (6).
- 13 Warding off (8).
- 14 Quaked (8).
- 15 Wish for (6).
- 22 Couch (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 Mastered, 8 Accumen, 9 Animated, 11 Lemonade, 12 Glue, 13 Debar, 16 Relax, 19 End, 22 Mistaken, 24 Alliance, 25 Arrive, 26 Purilane, Down: 1 Palls, 2 Dummy, 3 Meander, 4 Anne, 5 Tome, 6 Rattle, 7 Doges, 10 Ideal, 14 Begin, 15 Barres, 16 Decamp, 17 Pillar, 20 Sabin, 21 Adorn, 22 Malt, 23 Bean.

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JAMES CRICHTON VISITS THE FEUDING PATHANS AND LOOKS ACROSS THE NORTHWEST FRONTIER WITH A QUESTIONING EYE

AFGHANISTAN — THE LOST STATE?

T Peshawar, Pakistan. The big Pathan in baggy trousers and black, bobbed hair waved his hand at a patch of grey bushes and boulders in the dry river bed. As if by magic men appeared out of the pebbly sand. There were eighteen of them, armed with shiny leather bandollers and British Lee Enfield rifles.

"There, sahib," he said, "that is one reason why not even bombers can conquer us."

He waved again and the men vanished. Through binoculars I was able to pick out from the one whose hand lay just outside a jet black shadow and another's dome-shaped hat. Otherwise they merged with the landscape.

rifles sighted on a stone by the road, and pull the trigger when the victim was a few yards from it. After the kill, he would carefully collect the empty cartridge case for recharging at the village armoury.

The urge for sudden death comes mainly from family feuds, which continue for generations. The chronic shortage of women and the harsh hills breed men of fierce temper and consuming pride. A tribal dandies even carry pocket mirrors to adjust their hair before battle, and dance together with flowers behind their ears.

More Problems

BUT now these Pathans have more serious problems than shooting personal rivals. They are ruled by Pakistan. They are coveted by Afghanistan. And they want independence from both.

Afghanistan too has problems.

While all the other Moslem states are building alliances and making treaties, Afghanistan remains isolated—the only Moslem country on the edge of the Iron Curtain.

Strategically placed between Persia and Pakistan, without a seaport, it is hemmed behind deserts and mountains under the shadow of Soviet Russia.

Kipling Country

THEY can ambush a patrol, slit their throats, take their arms and disappear in half a minute. Their comrades behind would know nothing until they tripped over the corpses.

This was the old Northwest Frontier of India, where Kipling's heroes lived hardy, dashing lives and the British kept up a picturesque war whose elaborate rules prevented many deaths on either side.

Thoughtfully I climbed into the car which then drove off up the Khyber Pass at breakneck speed. As we swayed round corners, the armed bodyguard explained that no cars dropped below forty miles an hour and never stopped between forts.

No amperes had fired for months, but it was as well to take no chances. A common habit apparently, was for these happy-go-lucky men to fire their

RUSSIA'S large Embassy was the first to be established in Afghanistan after the restoration of the monarchy at the First World War. Since then Russian policy has been carefully designed to foster good relations with its strategically placed neighbour. One of its concessions to Afghan nationalism is the newly mapped frontier between the two countries, agreed upon at the end of the last war.

Afghans are non-committal about Russian influence. They explain that the new border electric plants to supply the capital, Kabul, is being built by German. Other developments

are in the hands of experts from countries as far apart as France and America. Trade is principally with the United States.

But they admit that Russians have taken car trips to the Pakistan frontier. They ignored the Khyber Pass which, on the Pakistan side, is riddled with British built Maginot-Line-type defences, including underground forts complete with hospitals. Instead they looked at the deserts astride the Kandahar-Quetta camel route.

During the last war, surprised Indian Army officers discovered that, instead of being impassable to an army, this route could be traversed by an ordinary station wagon. It was only necessary to follow dry water courses through the

mountains and use a crowbar occasionally to shift boulders.

But the expanse of the desert—over 400 miles of difficult country from Russia—would deter any but a highly organised force.

In any case, Russia's best card to play is Afghanistan's growing anti-Western sentiment. The hostility towards Pakistan over the rights of the Pathans sharpened recently when the USA and Pakistan signed their aid agreement.

At present Afghanistan appears quiet and genuinely neutral. But if the West and the other Moslem states do not come to terms with it, Afghanistan could become a sudden threat, either to Persia or Pakistan, at a crucial moment.

A West Indies Election Is Unforgettable

HERE THEY DID THE VOTING SAMBA

From DONALD LUDLOW

Kingston, Jamaica.

IT was a night of songs and sambas, of processions and drum beats.

It was a night of blazing lights, colour and surging crowds—the night before Jamaicans went to the polls to turn out William Bustamante, their Chief Minister for 10 years, and vote in his cousin, Norman Manley. Oh, that singing. It kept me awake till nearly dawn.

And it ranged from Moody and Sankey hymns, calypsoes—called mentos here—what my dah-dah-dah-dah knowledge of music believes was a Chopin nocturne, and a soulful rendering of "Traces of d'Amour" by a speckled, Jamaican Frankie Laine.

Everything had new words. Some praised Chief Minister Bustamante and some his rival and cousin, the equally lemm and striking Norman Washington Manley, Queen's Counsel.

Don't ask me for the words of the songs or for what the sweating election speakers were shouting through their microphones. You don't catch on to the strange Jamaican dialect—really the English of Charles II—as quickly as all that.

WHAT PROCESSIONS!

There was a chant with a throbbing drum base—remember the film "King Solomon's Mines"—that started around midnight and went on and on, with men's voices booming and women joining in with kerosene staccato breaks.

And what processions! There were columns of singing cyclists with lamps blazing and snare drums beating down long, narrow, brightly lit streets like Ritz Lane.

a rhythm in a way that would fill the stage and bring cheers at London's Drury Lane.

And that forest of brooms with 10ft. and 12ft. handles I saw at one meeting! They were tied to cars, to motor-cycles, to bicycles, and people on foot also brandished them.

It was a happy political inspiration of Socialist Norman Manley, the Stafford Cripps of Jamaica. He had called to his followers to "sweep out Bust!" They saw the joke.

And so to that blazing morning and city quickly filling with people whose forefingers were dyed with red ink. It was a special ink that had to "wear off" and the idea was to prevent anybody voting twice.

POLLING BOOTHS

Polling booths were everywhere, in schools, in shops, in bars. I saw one in a tailor's shop.

When you entered the booth you held your hands out for a policeman with white sun helmet and red-striped pants to see the fingers were unfainted. Then you made your cross on the ballot paper and dipped a finger in the ink.

One candidate was arrested—Mr. Wilton Hill, of Busta's Labour Party, who opposed Mr. Manley.

Charges—Disturbing public order by carrying a razor at an election meeting and also overloading his car. Even walking sticks are barred at election rallies. But Mr Hill still fought for his seat.

Well, this was Jamaica on parade day, with the battle between Busta's Labour Party, regarded as the Colony's Tories, and Manley's Socialist People's National Party.

Many lives have been saved by helicopter rescue... and now comes a development that will facilitate these mercy missions even more

ROYAL NAVY'S SCOOP NET

By J. W. TAYLOR

NEW apparatus to improve rescue operations by helicopter has been developed by the Royal Navy in the form of a scoop net.

Since helicopters became air/sea rescue craft, the Navy's method of lifting persons from the sea has been by means of a strap which is lowered and then secured round the waist, either by the persons themselves or by an aircrewman lowered to assist them.

The use of these methods has resulted in the saving of many lives, both of Service airmen who have crashed into the sea, and seamen and civilians in distress. The only survivor from the South Goodwin Light Vessel was rescued by means of a strap lowered from a helicopter. Many pilots who crashed or force-landed behind the enemy lines during the Korean war were also rescued by this method.

Terrifying

There are disadvantages, however. People struggling in the sea often cannot help themselves, and suspension in mid-air is frequently a completely new and terrifying experience for them. There is the added disadvantage that if a badly injured person is lifted by a strap, further injury may be caused during the lift.

In an endeavour to overcome some of these drawbacks, the Search and Rescue Unit at the Royal Naval Air Station, Ford, in Sussex, designed the scoop net and produced prototypes on the station for trials. The net is capable of scooping a person out of the sea as a helicopter moves forward at walking pace. It is available for general Ser-

vice use and is being supplied to aircraft carriers and Naval air stations at home and abroad.

The scoop net is extremely simple. A rope net is attached to a tubular frame which is in the form of a D-frame. The D-frame is lowered face downwards into the water and is stabilised by a drogue. It is secured to a spacer bar by four cables and operated by a single cable from the helicopter's winch.

Into Line

When not in use the net is secured alongside the cockpit of the helicopter and does not impede the progress of the machine. It is lowered into the sea as the aircraft is advancing at a speed of about five knots and a height of about 25 feet. When in position for a pick-up, the face of the D is submerged and the arc of the latter remains above water.

The helicopter is then navigated to bring the scoop net into line with the person to be rescued and is towed through the water until the person is drawn into the net. The net is then hoisted alongside the cabin of the helicopter so that the person can either be assisted into the aircraft or, if badly injured, allowed to remain undisturbed in the net until the helicopter returns to base.

During trials in the English Channel—some of which were witnessed by American Service authorities, who have shown considerable interest in the apparatus—oil drums were at first used as dummies. Now one hundred "dummies" have since been successfully carried out, the rate of pick-up in some cases being as high as ten or twelve persons within twenty minutes. Some of those "rescued" have described their experience as a "comfortable ride."

Right Approach

While the new method will not replace these methods already in use, it is considered that the scoop net is definitely the right approach to the problem of rescuing injured, or unconscious people from the sea, but it will be impossible to use this method when there is wreckage near the person to be rescued. The net was invented by the commanding officer of the Air/Sea Rescue Unit at Ford, Lieutenant—Commander John Sproule, R.N., who entered the Navy as a Volunteer Reserve in 1940. Among those who helped in the development and trials of the device was C.P.O. Aircrewman Stewart Lock, who won the Distinguished Service Medal as a member of the crew of a Barracuda aircraft which bombed the German battleship Tirpitz in Trondheim Fjord in World War Two.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

SPECIAL CASH SWEEP ON THE
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Saturday, 22nd January, 1955.

Over 1,350,000 tickets sold to date.

The Sale of Cash Sweep Tickets on the above will close on Friday, 21st January, as follows:—

382 Nathan Road, Kowloon, at 4.00 p.m.
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Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road, at 6.00 p.m.

The Draw will be held in the Public Betting Hall at the Race Course, at 10.00 a.m. on Saturday, 22nd January, 1955.

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ANNUAL RACE MEETING

Saturday 15th, Wednesday 19th and Saturday 22nd January, 1955.

(To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)

THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 30 RACES

The First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the First Race run at 12 o'clock NOON each day.

The Tenth interval is after the Fourth Race (1.30 p.m.) each day.

The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 10.00 a.m. each day.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED. All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Badges at \$10.00 each per day are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him.

Tickets will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 22811).

NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting. For all purposes a child is a person under the age of seventeen years. No fee charged.

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The price of admission will be \$3.00 each per day payable at the Gate.

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Although Through Tickets cannot normally be purchased for each day of a Meeting unless there is an interval of at least five days between each day an exception is being made for the Annual Race Meeting. Through Cash Sweep tickets, therefore, at \$20 each per day or \$60 for the three days of the Meeting may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices during normal office hours until 10.00 a.m. on each day of the Meeting.

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SPECIAL CASH SWEEP

Tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the Pearce Memorial Cup scheduled to be run on 22nd January, 1955, at \$2.00 each, may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices.

The sale of these tickets will close on Friday 21st January at—382, Nathan Road, Kowloon at 4.00 p.m., 5, D'Aguiar Street at 5.00 p.m., Queen's Building, (Chater Road) at 6.00 p.m.

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By Order of the Stewards,
H. MISA,
Secretary.

WELSH WIZARD'S BIGGEST CONTEST



Dai Dower, from South Wales, the Empire Flyweight title holder, is now in strict training for the biggest contest of his meteoric career—for the vacant British title—at his home in the mining village of Cilfynydd. The contest is at Harringay on February 8 and he meets Eric Marsden.—Central Press Photo.

Tomorrow's Chances At The Valley

By "RAPIER"

The Hongkong Jockey Club's Annual Race Meeting concludes with tomorrow's 10 events. The First Saddling Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m., with the first race starting at 12.00 noon sharp.

The Pearce Memorial Cup will be the main attraction and the Special Cash Sweep will be decided on this race.

Here are my estimates of the chances.

FIRST RACE

Wongachong Stakes (First Section) From The 12-Mile Post.

The opening race is confined to ponies of 1955 with previous race winners barred. The race is more or less a gift for Five Gold (Mr. Yen Ching-lun) and amongst the entries I do not think there is a pony to extend it.

Avion (Mr. H. H. Chan) should have no difficulty in taking second position with Hawatha (Mr. Ostroff) and Estuary (Mr. Wei) fighting out the third position.

SECOND RACE

Hongkong Handicap: From The 12-Mile Post.

This race will be contested by Class 4 ponies.

Possibility II (Mr. Rintow) will be carrying 2 lbs. more for its last placing in the Brighton Handicap over this distance, at the 5th Race Meeting. Judging from that performance I do not think the extra weight will hamper its chances of winning here.

Blue Bird (Mr. C. A. Lee), which was unplaced in the same race, is now fighting fit. It should give Possibility II a great fight for the honours.

Santa Claus (Mr. Samara) and Southern (Mr. Kwok) may have something to say over this distance and I recommend keeping an eye on them.

Same Again (Mr. Plumby) is not bad and an outsider is worth following.

THIRD RACE

Wongachong Stakes (Second Section) From The 12-Mile Post.

This is another sprint race for 1955 ponies, with winners barred. Beautiful Future (Mr. Wei), which was second in the Valley Stakes last Wednesday, should have no difficulty in scoring a win here.

Southern Cross (Mr. Tsai) should fill second place, and Misty Law (Mr. Samara) will probably take the other position.

As an outsider I suggest Golden Branch (Mr. Shieh).

FOURTH RACE

Jockey Club: From The 12-Mile Post.

A perusal of the entries in this race for novice jockeys leaves the impression that Desert Gold

(Mr. Andrew Chan) has a good opportunity of winning as it is in splendid condition at the moment.

Rider's Wish (Mr. Joseph Lum) must be borne in mind as the pony is improving during morning gallops.

Green Velvet (Mr. H. W. Ma) and Howanghen (Mr. Hui) are also dangerous and must not be overlooked.

FIFTH RACE

Leighton Hill Stakes (First Section) From The 2-Mile Post.

In this event for 1955 ponies—with previous winners barred—Jemima P. (Mr. Ostroff) has the best recommendation for a win.

Super-King (Mr. Shieh) has been whistled at as the "dark horse" in this race, and for those who are prepared to take the risk a bet each way may turn out to be profitable.

Chatterbox (Mr. Samara) and Resurrection (Mr. C. L. Liu) are also good enough to win.

SIXTH RACE

Pearce Memorial Cup: 14-Miles.

This is the main event of the afternoon in which the special Cash Sweep will be decided.

In the absence of Lightning Feet, the Hopeful Stakes (Second Section) winner on the first day of the Annual Race Meeting, on account of "sore shins" trouble, I expect the following to fight out the finish: Full Ahead (Mr. Samara), The Champ (Mr. K. F. Chiu), Violet Ray (Mr. Plumby) and Ivan-Ho (Mr. Ostroff).

In view of the easy manner in which Full Ahead won the Hopeful Stakes (Third Section) over the mile last Saturday, there is no shadow of a doubt that it will win.

The Champ is the only danger, otherwise I cannot see anything else to touch it.

Silver Wing cannot expect to do better than third place.

Ivan-Ho is good as an outsider.

SEVENTH RACE

Leighton Hill Stakes (Second Section) From The 2-Mile Post.

This race will be contested by ponies of 1955 with winners barred. All Gay (Mr. Samara) is about the best in this race in view of its third placing in the Valley Stakes (Third Section) last Wednesday over Six Furlongs.

While I consider that it has a good chance of winning here, I expect it to receive stiff opposition from Vendetta (Mr. Kwok).

Starboard (Mr. Ostroff) and Quicksilver (Mr. Wei) are not to be disregarded as they can give a good account of themselves against the others if given a good start.

EIGHTH RACE

Sports Club Cup: From The 2-Mile Post.

Class 4 ponies will battle out the issue in this race. The pointer to watch are Can D. (Mr. Lam King-tak), Fieldmaster (Mr. Samara), Barbarian (Mr. Tsai), Beautiful Phoenix (Mr. C. A. Lee) and Spinning Wheel (Mr. H. K. Chuang).

Can D. is my choice, and I think it should win, but Fieldmaster is not to be ignored as this pony can move and the distance is more to its liking.

Barbarian and Beautiful Phoenix have disappointed so many times that I am not too confident regarding their ability to outrun the starters. As an outsider, Spinning Wheel (Mr. H. K. Chuang) is worth following.

NINTH RACE

Phaethon Handicap: From The 12-Mile Post.

Hilzoppin (Mr. Tsai) has a good opportunity of winning here, despite its disappointing run the last time out. It is fighting fit at the moment.

John Halifax (Mr. Boycott) has been knocking at the door of success for a long time, and Turn Thumb (Mr. Chen Poo) is another pony to bear in mind as it is good enough to give these two a good fight.

Kentucky Lady (Mr. C. F. Ng) and Trio (Mr. Kwok) should also receive some consideration, especially the latter which is not bad.

TENTH RACE

Victoria Handicap: One Mile.

This race will wind up the Annual Race Meeting and should provide an interesting finish.

Fire-glo has been showing good form lately under the guidance of Mr. Kwok during morning gallops and over this distance I think it should come in first.

The strongest opposition will come from Ben Lemon, which will be ridden by Mr. Boycott.

The pony is certainly very fit at the moment and may even prove a winner.

Gold Crown (Mr. T. L. Wong) and Four Aces (Mr. Samara) are good over this distance and can be depended upon to put up a good fight.

ASIAN SPORTS REVIEW

NO VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR INDIANS WHO WANT TO SEE LAHORE TEST

Indian cricket fans who want to see the Third Test Match between Pakistan and India at Lahore on January 28 to 31 will not require visas or passports to cross the border into Pakistan.

These two nations of the sub-continent have since the partition put every conceivable difficulty in the way of their neighbours coming over for a visit.

A spate of letters from cricket enthusiasts to their respective Governments has resulted in the Pakistani gesture which, India, reciprocated by relaxing the emigration regulations—at least for the five days of the Lahore Test.

Indian cricket fans wishing to see the Test will only require permits to cross the border from their district magistrates.

The original announcement that the Soviet Union was sending 30 soccer players to tour India becomes more understandable when we discover that the team is to play 18 matches in all between January 19 and February 27.

The Russian team arrived in New Delhi on January 17 and started its programme with a match against the Commander-in-Chief's XI at Delhi on January 19.

In all only three internationalists, dubbed "Tees" by the Indians, will be played instead of the five originally planned. These will be on February 2 at Bangalore, on February 27 at Calcutta and on February 27 at Bombay.

Other cities where the Soviet team will play are Rajasthan in Jaipur, Lucknow in Patna, Madras, Trivandrum (Travancore-Cochin), Jorhat (Assam) and Nagpur.

The Soviet team includes Lev Ashin, Russia's internationally famous goalkeeper, and N. Shmynov, Spartak centre-forward. Several Moscow Dynamo and Spartak players are in the delegation.

FIVE-GOAL DEBUT

It seems that India's centre-forward problem in her national soccer team is finally solved. During the Calcutta Cup Quadrangular Soccer Series, a reserve centre-half named Gulab Singh, of the Western Railway, watched his country take the field against Ceylon, Burma and Pakistan without being given a chance of a game.

On December 28 at Calcutta, India, the Colombo Cup winners, took on a picked team from the other three countries in the tournament and found themselves short of a centre-forward.

Gulab was moved into that berth. He scored the first goal, but tallies by Masood, Fakhr and Jamil, Pakistan's outside-left and centre-forward respectively, put the combination of Pakistan, Ceylon and Burma ahead by 2-1 at half-time.

It was in the second half that India discovered its new leader of the attack. Gulab, combining beautifully with Mohi, the Indian captain and outside-right, netted four more times, three times on passes from the right wing, and thus finished the game with five good goals off his own boot. The "Reet" could reply only once through Burmese inside-left Aung Sein and India beat the combined three countries by 5 goals to 3.

Gulab Singh is now almost certain to get the centre-forward berth in the three international matches with the Soviet Union and the Indian press cannot sing his praises loud enough.

COLOMBO CUP TOURNEY

The Quadrangular Soccer Tournament for the Colombo Cup, played at Calcutta in the latter part of December, saw India emerge the winners as they beat Pakistan 5-1 in the final game of the series.

This was the biggest margin of victory in the six matches played. Other results were: Ceylon 1, India 1.

Pakistan 1, Burma 1.

India 2, Burma 1.

Ceylon 2, Burma 1.

The final table was:

Goals: W. D. L. F. A. P. S.

India 2 1 0 0 3 5

Ceylon 1 1 1 0 4 3

Pakistan 1 1 1 0 3 3

Burma 0 1 2 0 3 5

The combined three-nation team that took on India and lost 5-1 included four Ceylonese, four Pakistanis and three Burmese.

The line-up was: Aukim (Burma); Basai Ali (Pakistan); Junaid (Ceylon); Niaz Ali (Pakistan); P. Banashinge (Ceylon); Ayo Mung (Burma); Jagan (Ceylon); Salimov (Burma); Jamil (Pakistan); Aung Sein (Burma) and Masood Fakhr (Pakistan).

Next year's series will be played in Pakistan.

OLYMPIC HOCKEY

India, Pakistan, Japan, Burma, Malaya, Singapore and Hong Kong are among the countries expected to send field hockey teams to this Olympic Games in Melbourne, Australia, between November 23 and December 8, 1956.

India are the reigning Olympic Champions and Pakistan with Ceylon and the Netherlands

strongest challengers for the Championship. Before the last war it was predicted, by the Indians themselves, that the Japanese would one day be their strongest challengers in this, one of the fastest of ball games.

Malaya and Singapore have strong hockey teams, though not up to the standard of India. Hongkong is very much an unknown quantity internationally.

Other countries expected to send teams to Melbourne are New Zealand and Argentina, while Ceylon, Nigeria, the United States, West Germany and Vietnam are other possibilities for the Olympic Hockey Championship Tournament.

UNIVERSITIES TO BLAME

Brutus Hamilton, Director of Athletics at the University of California and one of the world's greatest athletic coaches, who with Dr. I. Kenneth Doherty, athletic coach at the University of Pennsylvania, is on a tour of Indian athletic coaching schemes, told Indian sports reporters after attending the 20-day Winter Training Camp at Patiala that "lack of sufficient encouragement from educational institutions, an inadequate number of athletic meetings and the want of enough senior coaches is the main handicap to the development and improvement of athletic sports in India."

Forty coaches and 63 athletes attended the three-week Patiala camp. A noted visitor who took part in the coaching course was Mr. G. S. Kler, Jaisseton, North Borneo, Hon. Secretary of the Amateur Athletic Association of North Borneo who brought four North Bornean athletes to the Asian Games at Manila last May. Mr. Kler is apparently disappointed with the already remarkable progress of track and field in Borneo and wants to produce an Asian Games Champion for 1956. He already has a good prospect in Police Constable Galuh, who last year raised the North Borneo record in the 100 yds. and 200 yds. races.

IN AGREEMENT

As though in full agreement with the words of Mr. Hamilton at Patiala, the 13th Annual India and Ceylon Inter-University Athletic Championships which concluded at Aligarh on December 31, produced little of note.

Sati Ghosh of Patna University, a member of India's last Asian Games team at the 100 Metres in 10.8 and the 200 Metres in 22.2 seconds for the only noteworthy performances.

Punjab University won the Victoria Challenge Cup for the fifth year in succession with 46 points against 41 for Ceylon University.

The Ceylon University Athletics made up in some measure for what has been one of Ceylon's poorest years in the realm of track and field athletics by winning the 110 Metres Hurdles in 15.8 seconds through W. S. Ladrwhelly, fastest ever in this event by a Ceylonese through Duncan White led 15.3 seconds for the 120 Yards Hurdles in England in 1949, the 400 Metres in 52.1 seconds through T. W. Goonwardhena, the 100 Yards in 11.1 seconds (3.50 metres), the 400 Metres Relay in a poor 48.4 seconds and the 1,000 Metres Relay in a poorer 3 minutes 31 seconds.

INDIAN RECORDS

Mr. Hamilton, at Patna did mention the fact that India's outstanding athletes were drawn more from the Services and the Police than the universities and colleges which latter provide most of America's Olympic Champions.

The various Army Area Championships which started on January 6 served to confirm Mr. Hamilton's views. At the Western Command Championships at Ambala on January 6 and 7, Parduman Singh, India's Asian Games Champion in the Discus Throw, improved the national record in this event to 140 feet 4 inches (44.52 metres), Dovi Dayal threw the Hammer 100 feet 3 inches (47.55 metres) and Sri Chand Ram broke the Indian national record in the 110 Metres Hurdles with a 14.8 seconds clocking.

Another national record went at the same meeting as Ajit Singh won the 1,000 Metres in 4 minutes 1.0 seconds. No Indian athlete has as yet, however, beat four minutes for the "Metric Mile", a feat already accomplished, among Asian athletes, by representatives of Japan, Pakistan and Korea.

At the Raj Punjab Area Championships at Jullundur, Punjab, on January 10, 1955, the following records were set:

100 Yards: P. S. Choudhary, 11.1 seconds.

200 Yards: P. S. Choudhary, 22.2 seconds.

400 Yards: P. S. Choudhary, 52.1 seconds.

800 Yards: P. S. Choudhary, 2:01.0.

1,000 Yards: P. S. Choudhary, 4:01.0.

1,200 Yards: P. S. Choudhary, 4:48.0.

1,500 Yards: P. S. Choudhary, 5:48.0.

2,000 Yards: P. S. Choudhary, 7:48.0.

2,500 Yards: P. S. Choudhary, 9:48.0.

3,000 Yards: P. S. Choudhary, 11:48.0.

3,500 Yards: P. S. Choudhary, 13:48.0.

4,000 Yards: P. S. Choudhary, 15:48.0.

4,500 Yards: P. S. Choudhary, 17:48.0.

5,000 Yards: P. S. Choudhary, 19:48.0.

5,500 Yards: P. S. Choudhary, 21:48.0.

6,000 Yards: P. S. Choudhary, 23:48.0.

6,500 Yards: P. S. Choudhary, 25:48.0.

7,000 Yards: P. S. Choudhary, 27:48.0.

7,500 Yards: P. S. Choudhary, 29:48.0.

8,000 Yards: P. S. Choudhary, 31:48.0.

8,500 Yards: P. S. Choudhary, 33:48.0.

9,000 Yards: P. S. Choudhary, 35:48.0.

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17,000 Yards: P. S. Choudhary, 67:48.0.

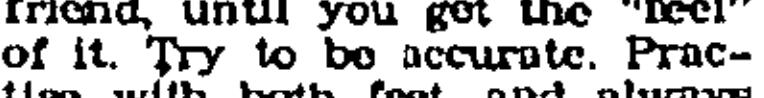
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A Council Meeting of the Hongkong Amateur Swimming Association will take place at the Club Lusitano, on Tuesday, Feb. 8.

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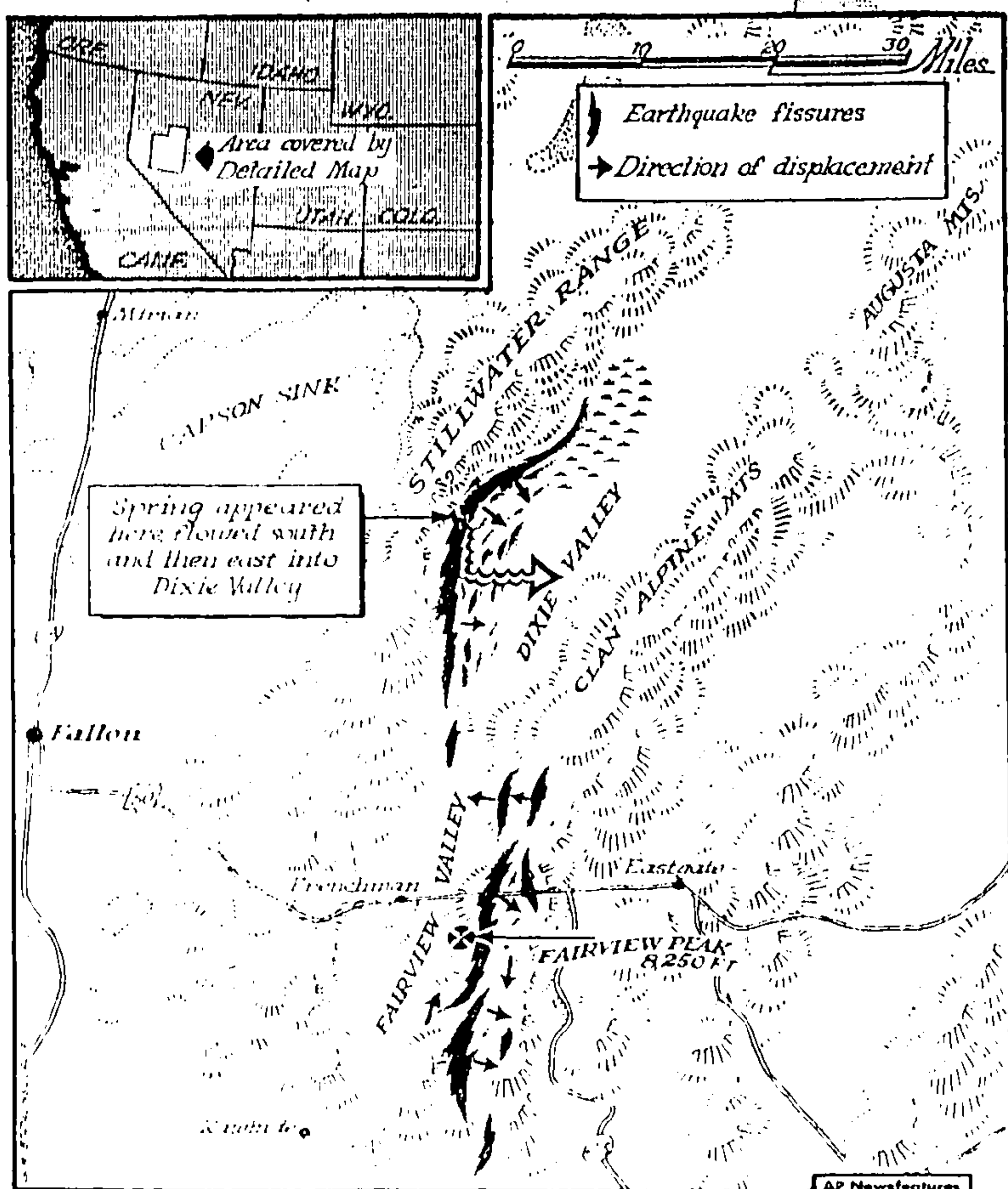
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Profile Of An Earthquake -- Probably The Shape Of Some More To Come

By LEN LEFKOW
Associated Press Correspondent

Frenchman, Nev., Jan. 20.

The quiet valleys tucked between snow-capped peaks near this tiny dot on the map are typical of most of northern Nevada's bleak mountain country.

There's one big difference, though.

They lie in the center of a huge pattern of cracks in the earth's crust caused last month by an earthquake which jarred millions of persons in Nevada, California, Oregon, Idaho and Utah.

The quake centered in the desolate Dixie and Fairview Valleys of Nevada. As shown on the accompanying map, it ripped awe-inspiring scars in the face of the land in an area 60 miles long and 12 miles wide. The biggest continuous fissure stretches for 26 miles. At places its sides are 30 feet apart. Vertical displacement runs as high as 20 feet. Arrows on the map show the direction of stresses built up on the sides of the faults which finally loosed the tremendous force on December 16.

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The most unusual feature of the quake was the birth of a warm water spring. The spring gushed in a torrent from newly exposed rock on the side of a mountain rising above Dixie Valley and flowed south for several miles along the big fissure before cutting eastward across the valley floor. The size of the spring, however, has diminished greatly since the day of its sudden appearance.

The floor of Dixie Valley itself is pocked with small fissures measuring from a few inches wide to a few feet.

Although the quake caused no injuries to the widely scattered inhabitants of the lonely region, it changed a way of life for some.

Tako Ed Weyher, for instance, has run the only store in Frenchman, where tourists formerly stopped only when they needed gas.

But now Weyher's business is booming. He's even started building a motel.

"Traffic is thicker than it's ever been," he says. "Hundreds of cars head into the valley every day to see what the quake did."

Then there's Prof. Vincent Glanella, who at 68 should be sitting at home bouncing his grandchildren on his knee. Instead, he's out scrambling

among the gaping fissures opened by the quake.

Prof. Glanella, a retired University of Nevada geology teacher, is an earthquake expert. His careful survey of the area provided the basis for the earthquake map.

"The quake caused probably the most spectacular faulting ever seen in the United States," he says. "We're lucky to be able to study it."

A reporter who drove through Dixie Valley, the gaping fissures are just as Prof. Glanella says.

"The valley looks as if a giant had gone back within its peaked sides. Deep gashes along the base of the surrounding mountain range extend for miles after miles."

If you were driving north along the dirt road that twists through the valley, the first thing you'd notice would be a thin line of snow left.

The line extends for about 26 miles along the base of the Stillwater Range, a string of mountains topped with peaks that look down on the valley from more than 8,000 feet.

You drive off onto an abandoned road leading toward the line and suddenly stop—there's a dark line you saw from the road. It's actually a fissure opened by the quake.

It widens in some parts to 30 or more feet but never narrows to less than 15 feet. Dark puddles of warm water lie at its bottom about 10 or 15 feet below you, left by the flood of water which found a path out of the mountain fastness during the quake.

You drive along further and the fissure suddenly changes shape. Instead of appearing like a trench, it looks as if the giant had slashed a knife along the mountain wall and lifted up the peaks 20 or 30 feet. Newly-exposed rock gleams in the sun.

Prof. Glanella is one of the few who has tramped into the isolated faulting southeast of the more accessible fissures along the Stillwater Range.

He tells of vertical displacements running 20 or more feet—"I haven't measured them all yet"—along the Cling Alpine Range. He found some horizontal slips there where the earth moved sideways up to 12 feet.

The horizontal and vertical shifting, Prof. Glanella says, is among the greatest ever known in the United States. It's comparable to the San Francisco quake of 1906—which killed 700—resulting in 3-foot vertical shifting and 21-foot horizontal displacements.

Fairview Peak—around which some of the greatest shifting oc-

curred, measured 8,250 feet the first time the U.S. Geological Survey took a reading.

Geologists are anxiously awaiting for the Government to take another survey. That'll be the only way they can tell whether the mountains were shoved upward or the valley floor dropped.

"The mountain-making is still going on in Nevada," Prof. Glanella says. "The earth, to say the least, is very active geologically."

Does that mean there'll be more quakes?

"Probably so," Prof. Glanella says.

The possibility of more tremors doesn't frighten Ed Weyher, though.

"I've been around here awhile and business is pretty good right now," he smiles. "Another quake and business might get even better."

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Mr. Benson is awaiting a report from wool industry leaders on details of possible promotion campaigns before acting, an aide said. Industry leaders were to meet at Salt Lake City, Utah, to discuss the proposal, but they have set no date for a report to Mr. Benson.

Other farm organization leaders were known to be cool to the idea. One major group has warned that if the Government sets up a promotion drive for wool, growers of cotton and many other crops may demand the same treatment.

The Government-sponsored sales campaign was authorized as part of a new wool price support program approved by Congress last year. Marketing committees for promoting sales of wool, mink, sheep, and goats, said the campaigns would be financed by tax on growers, and before the tax could take effect, it would have to be approved by two-thirds of the growers affected in a referendum.

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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

DOLLAR-GOLD BALANCES

Further Big Improvement Predicted In 1955 For Foreign Countries

Washington, Jan. 20.

Foreign countries dealing with the U.S. will close out 1955 with a further improvement of around \$1,100,000,000 in their gold and dollar reserves, the National Foreign Trade Council predicted today.

In a report by its balance of payments group, the Council also forecast moderate increases in both commercial exports and imports by the United States.

World Cotton Markets

New York, Jan. 20.

Cotton futures today declined after starting on higher ground for the third day in a row. Increased March liquidation, plus before-selling and realizing combined have put the market down.

Operating gains up to 40 cents a bale (netted) the nearby May to 34.00 cents a pound, up almost \$1 a bale from the recent low.

Stopped March liquidation coincident with another increase in the certificated stock, accompanied scattered selling influenced by Congressional action on acreage controls and other farm legislation for next year.

The certificated stock of cotton available for contract delivery rose to 58,826 bales, an increase of almost 9,000 bales over the past two weeks. Open March contracts at the start of trading today totalled 720,000 bales.

The Commodity Credit Corporation's weekly report on loan entries, issued after Wednesday's close, showed a good mixed increase. Impoundings for the week ended Jan. 14 totalled 111,004 bales compared with 73,814 bales in the preceding week.

The net stock of 1954 crop cotton in Government hands totalled 1,822,617 bales plus 5,001,135 bales from the 1953 crop.

Trading volumes and open interests in the Exchange today were:

Month Volume Open Interest
Spot 38,500 720,000
May 38,500 1,178,500
July 20,200 84,400
Oct. 15,100 187,100
Dec. 10,200 112,200
Mar. 1,800 62,400
May 2,800 62,200
Total 121,000 2,094,500 bales

NEW YORK
Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot 34.00
May 34.00
July 34.00
Oct. 34.00
Dec. 34.00
Mar. 34.00
May 34.00
Total 34.00

NEW ORLEANS
Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot 34.00
May 34.00
July 34.00
Oct. 34.00
Dec. 34.00
Mar. 34.00
May 34.00
Total 34.00

LIVERPOOL
Closings, American middling 15/10 (inch, in pence per lb.)

March/April 32.30
May/June 32.30
July/August 32.30
October/November 32.30
December/January 32.30
Official values for spot cottons were all unchanged.

KARACHI
The market weakened today due to heavy hedge selling from up-country houses. Prices closed in rupees per maund as follows:

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The Sao Paulo cotton prices were not received.—United Press.

LONDON WOOL TOP MARKET

London, Jan. 20.

Wool top futures market had a huge turnover today of 300 lots but the effect upon prices was almost negligible. The close, accordingly, was steady.

Closing prices were in pence per lb. were:

March 128-129
May 128-129
July 128-129
Oct. 128-129
Dec. 128-129
Mar. 128-129
May 128-129
Total 128-129

United Press.

World Rubber Markets

Singapore, Jan. 20.

The rubber market ruled steadily throughout the morning on speculative buying. The market closed at highest price for the day.

Future closings were:

Feb. 100 1/2-101
Mar. 100 1/2-101
Apr. 100 1/2-101
May 100 1/2-101
June 100 1/2-101
July 100 1/2-101
Aug. 100 1/2-101
Sept. 100 1/2-101
Oct. 100 1/2-101
Nov. 100 1/2-101
Dec. 100 1/2-101
Total 100 1/2-101

AMSTERDAM
The rubber market was firm. Prices closed today in guilders per kilogramme cif Feb. as follows:

No. 1 rubber 2.02 buyers
No. 2 rubber 2.01
No. 3 rubber 2.00
No. 4 rubber 1.99
No. 5 rubber 1.98
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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

THE POST-BOOK

THE post-book was part of Angela's responsibility, when she joined the firm as a clerk-telephonist. She was told what that part of her job involved.

"When you need money for stamps," someone more senior said to her, "you go to the cashier and draw £2, and show him the book to prove you've spent the last £2." It sounded simple, and was.

Angela, at 18, was not unused to offices, or to handling money. She managed the post-book, which has been the bane of so many office juniors' lives, with skill.

SWITCH OF SYSTEM

THE thought occurred to her that it would not be difficult to cheat. She began to deal from the money she was given to buy stamps.

At first her method was to cover up her tracks by inventing errors in the postage-book. But as she grew in confidence, she switched to a more hazardous system, and took to misdirecting letters she was given to post.

She did not steal for long before she was caught. The police were called. Angela confessed, and was arrested.

At Bow Street she pleaded guilty to robbing the post-book and her firm of £2. £1 of which she had not even had time to spend.

RUNAWAY

"IN the case of this girl, there was no question of a shortage of money," a policeman told the magistrate. "She lived with her parents—her father was a carpenter—and there were six children in the family. She was a good girl, and she received in the air-mail in which her own parents were killed."

"No previous convictions," the magistrate asked. "One," the officer answered. "It was for stealing £1 from her adopted father. He just prosecuted because this girl had run away from home, and such action seemed the only way to get her back. Her adopted father is here, and would like to speak to you, sir."

A gentle-looking, troubled, grey-haired man came forward. Angela, with dark hair peeking from under a grey wool cap, and tears playing a havoc with her face-powder, dabbed at her eyes.

TOO LATE

"I ONLY went to the police because she had disappeared," said Angela's father by adoption. "Then she phoned to say she had a job in Portsmouth. The police here said I could withdraw the charge, but the Portsmouth police had acted. It was too late to stop the thing."

His wretchedness showed on his face. The prosecution would lie for a long time upon his

conscience, even though his motives had been of the best. "What do you want to say?" the magistrate asked Angela. "Only I'm sorry."

A CHANCE

"I hope that you are sorry because, not sorry you were caught," the magistrate said. "I shall give you a chance now, size it with both hands."

He put Angela on probation, and she went away, helped by the gaoler.

Her father by adoption hurried out to stand by her as best he might. The post-book, which had been brought to court in case it should be needed as evidence, was taken back to the office, to be given into the charge of some new boy or girl, who would find in it the first test of their commercial skill, and of their commercial honesty.

MCC Take Four Quick Wickets

Adelaide, Jan. 21.—The MCC made a splendid start today in their four-day match against South Australia, and at lunch had dismissed four of the State's best batsmen for only 60 runs.

Balsam, out this morning, included Test players, Les Favell and Graeme Hogg, who made one and two respectively. Alice Hedder, dropped in the first two Tests, had two early successes, taking the wickets of Favell and Hogg. He made the ball swing a good deal and often beat the batsmen.

Hedder's two wickets cost 20 runs, while Lander took one for 25 and Appleby one for five.

At lunch Strauss and Phil Hedder were each 13 not out, with one extra.

Topscorer this morning was Danzy with 29, he was bowled by Appleby. Andrew missed using him off Hedder early in his innings.

Wickets fell at 5, 13, 18 and 34. Hedder.

Consul Recognised

THE Governor has recognised Mr. Sutomo Jusowidiglo as Consul for Indonesia at Hongkong. It was announced in the Government Gazette today. This recognition is provisional and pending the issue of Her Majesty's Exequatur.

Probationary Sub-Lieutenants N. Kent and M. Morley-John, of the Hongkong Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, have been confirmed in rank as Sub-Lieutenants. It was announced in the Government Gazette today.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"There'll be a crowd at this party, so it's safe to invite your cousins—they won't be noticed!"

Bailey Case Reaches Closing Stages: End Likely Next Week

The Bailey case reached its concluding stage this morning when the accused, Albert Francis Bailey, 33, merchant, charged on three counts of libel before Mr. Justice J. Reynolds at the Criminal Sessions, announced that he had completed his case.

Bailey is alleged to have maliciously published libels in the form of letters to two solicitors, Messrs Peter H. Sin and Y. H. Chan, and to a banker, Mr S. K. Yee, last April.

Conducting the Prosecution is Mr. A. Hooton, QC, Solicitor-General, and Mr. D. N. E. Rea, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det. Sub-Inspector R. A. Dudman.

The case is being heard by a Jury of five men and two women.

Following Bailey's announcement, Mr. Hooton told the Court he had carefully considered the evidence called in support of Bailey's plea of justification, the burden of which had been upon the Defence. "I have formed the opinion that there is insufficient credible evidence given to warrant my calling any further evidence in this matter," he said. "I say that despite the wishes of the complainants to go into the witness box and deny, on oath, these allegations, I must remain in charge of this case and do not want to waste the Court's time or the Jury's time by calling evidence which would serve no useful purpose in my view."

NO SUBMISSION ON LAW. His Lordship: You say that on the plea of justification the accused has failed to prove justification?

Mr. Hooton: I am prepared to let it go to the Jury on that basis. I am not making any submission on law.

His Lordship: You are not saying in fact there is no case to answer?

Mr. Hooton: I am not making a legal submission. In a case

Four Nationalist Planes Shot Down

Four Nationalist warplanes were shot down and four other damaged by the Communist anti-aircraft artillery during Wednesday's battle in Swatow and the neighbouring districts, according to a Canton report appearing in a local pro-Communist journal this morning.

Nationalist bombs and machine gun bullets killed 12 people and injured over thirty others in Swatow, it added. The same report also stated that the raids had damaged 14 Communist merchant and fishing vessels in addition to sinking the British freighter Edendale.

The raiders, comprising a total of 30 F-47, F-54, and P-51 aircraft, commenced Swatow the whole morning, starting at 6.56 a.m. The "all clear" signal was given at 1.49 p.m.

The four planes shot down by the Communists were all P-51s, the report said. A total of 38 bombs were dropped by the raiders.

Sir Otto Lund Pays Tribute To Gallant Ambulancemen

Lieut-General Sir Otto Lund, KCB, DSO, Commissioner-in-Chief of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, laid a wreath at the St. John War Memorial, Wong-nichong Gap, and visited the St. John Welfare sections of the British Military Hospital this morning.

At Wong-nichong Gap, where a large number of St. John Ambulance Brigade members lost their lives in defending the island in 1941, Sir Otto was met by Mr. F. S. Coote, Chairman of St. John Ambulance Association and Brigade, Mr. Fung Ping-fan, Commissioner of the Brigade, Dr. Arthur Woo, Dr. F. I. Teung, and Mr. Wong Kam-chung.

At 11 a.m., Sir Otto visited the British Military Hospital where he was met by Colonel M. S. W. Bladec, Assistant Director of Medical Service, Lt. Col. J. J. Sullivan, Commanding Officer of the Hospital, Major (Civil) M. M. Winny ARRC, QARANC, matron of the Hospital, Mrs. J. Reeves and Mrs. R. Birt, of the British Red Cross.

After tea, Sir Otto was conducted to ward no. 5 where he talked to individual patients. He was then accompanied to the Sunway and visited the children's ward, following which he was conducted to the family ward.

Sir Otto lunched with Lieut-General C. S. Sugden at Flagstaff House.

He will visit the 88 General Hospital, Kowloon, in the afternoon.

THE QUIE CASE: TESTIMONY FOR THE DEFENCE

Prof. McFadzean Tells Of Talks With Plaintiff

Prof. A. J. S. McFadzean of Queen Mary Hospital testified in the Quie Case before Mr. Justice T. J. Gould, Acting Chief Justice, in the Supreme Court this morning that he felt there were certain aspects in his examination of Mr. Quie which led him to believe Mr. Quie "was in the grey world between the black of hypomania and the white of acute mania".

Witness is one of the three Government doctors being sued by Mr. Quie for alleged damages, amounting to \$250,000.

The damages are for alleged injury to Mr. Quie from the defendants' alleged negligence in connection with his detention in a mental home for observation, or for the certification of the plaintiff as being of unsound mind, and his consequential confinement in a mental home.

Defendants are Dr. P. M. Yap of the Mental Hospital, Dr. S. H. Moore of the Medical Department and Prof. A. J. S. McFadzean.

Mr. Quie is represented by Mr. John McNeill, QC, Mr. Lawrence Leong and Mr. R. W. S. Winter, all instructed by Mr. M. A. da Silva.

Defendants are represented by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr, Senior Crown Counsel, and Mr. J. C. McRobert, Crown Counsel.

Continuing his evidence from yesterday, Prof. McFadzean said as regards the several building schemes outlined to him by Mr. Quie during his examination at Mr. Quie's home, he was not told what each of these schemes was going to cost, except that it was a "multiple of a million" in each case.

All these buildings had to have escalators, witness went on. The scheme for the nursing home and that of the hospital was presented by Mr. Quie in some detail. It had some peculiarities as against his (witness's) conception of what a hospital should be, and he asked Mr. Quie how he had given consideration to this matter.

Mr. Quie had replied that the scheme had "come to his mind in a flash," and that that was the case with all the other projects.

"NEVER FELT BETTER"

Prof. McFadzean said plaintiff told him that his brain had never functioned so well, and that it was so good that he no longer needed much in the way of sleep.

"From this description of his mental process," continued witness, "he stated that physically he had never felt better, in spite of the fact that I drew his attention to the swelling of his leg and abdomen."

"At the same time, he himself volunteered the information that his sexual prowess was even better than as a young man. His attention could readily be diverted and I turned back to the subject of the hospital scheme, because it was the only scheme he mentioned which I had the competence to judge."

"I asked him if he had considered the returns he expected to obtain from that hospital. His reply was to this effect, 'Of course, the Yung Wo case', that is, the Hongkong Sanatorium's case."

"UNREASONABLE ANGER"

"Up until this point the consultation had been a perfectly amicable one. When I informed Mr. Quie that he knew not the first thing obviously about a hospital design or its administration, his reaction was one of unreasonable anger."

"During that period of time, and was replaced by a depression. During that depression, he stated again about the Hongkong Sanatorium's case."

"I pointed out to him that the directors of that hospital had spent many years in the study of hospital design and the administration of such hospitals. With this Mr. Quie agreed. This depression did not last for any significant length of time. Within a short period, he was telling me of his past earnings and his expected future earnings."

"Mr. Quie went on to say that he had earned a million dollars in the past nine months. At intervals throughout the consultation, he asked Mr. Quie questions about his physical state. Plaintiff would answer briefly, and would then return to the subject matter of the conversation which was largely of his own choosing."

In an analysis of the reduction in sleep which plaintiff described, continued witness, it became very evident that his sleep had been reduced to a matter of one or two hours a day. Mr. Quie told him that this hour or two might well be spent at his desk."

"He said it was commonplace for him to indulge in short naps, and then get on with his planning," Prof. McFadzean said. "He also admitted that he was getting thinner in the face and around the neck despite the fact that his appetite had been reasonably good."

Witness said Mr. Quie told him also that he would vary the routine of sitting at his desk and working at his scheme by going out in the early hours of the morning to a food-stall where he had something to eat.

Mr. Blair-Kerr: Can you explain how this insomnia, or lack of sleep, is related to his activity?

Witness: The word insomnia covers sleeplessness in general. There are many kinds of insomnia, one of which is of significance in this case, short periods of apparently deep and satisfied sleep and then long periods of wakefulness in which the patient will engage in certain activities. But the striking phenomenon is this: the failure to appreciate the significance of this marked reduction in the total quantity of sleep.

Had you any reason to doubt the accuracy of anything he told you at this stage? — Whether my doubts were justified regarding one particular statement he made, I do not know. From past experience it might well be so. He told me he had been consumed of whisky per day for a period of years. But he stated that he had stopped drinking for some months.

Prof. McFadzean said that when the interview was over, he rang up Queen Mary Hospital at 9.40 a.m. in order to warn one of his staff that he would be called upon to take the clinic.

Hearing is proceeding.

CANTON'S NEW MAYOR

Mr. Chu Kwong was elected Mayor of Canton at a meeting of the First Canton People's Assembly held this week, according to a report appearing in a pro-Communist journal this morning.

Mr. Chu, former Deputy Mayor of Canton had presided at the meeting attended by 340 people's representatives. Former Mayor Mr. Ho Wai did not appear at the meeting, and was not elected to any office.

Mr. Man Shi-yuen was elected President of the People's Court in Canton.

A Chengtu report said Mr. Lee Tai-cheung was elected as Governor of Szechuen Province, and Mr. Tse Shih-chi, a well-known former Nationalist General was elected one of five Deputy Governors of Szechuen Province.

Other appointments gazetted were: Mr. J. G. Robertson to be Acting Superintendent, Radio; Mr. J. J. Cowperthwaite to be Acting Deputy Financial Secretary; Mr. W. H. Williams to be Acting Director of Audit; Dr. O. L. Thomas to be Medical Officer on probation.

His Excellency the Governor, under instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, has approved the following appointments: Mr. D. D. Waters to be Education Officer (Technical), Mr. A. W. Campbell to be Education Officer, Mr. J. C. Snook to be Occupational Therapist, Miss M. J. H. S. Logan to be Nursing Sister, Dr. Dorothy D. Jones to be Woman Medical Officer, Mr. T. H. Tomlinson to be Engineer, P. W. D. Miss K. C. Gallagher to be Matron, Gracie H. (Psychiatric), Miss E. Sanders to be Education Officer (Woman).

The following general holidays will be observed in 1955, it was announced in the Government Gazette today:

General Holidays: every Sunday; the first week-day in January, Saturday, January 1; Chinese New Year's Day, Monday, January 24; the first week-day following Chinese New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 25; Good Friday, Friday, April 8; the day following Good Friday, Saturday, April 9; Easter Monday, Monday, April 11; the Birthday of Her Majesty the Queen, Thursday, April 21; Whit Monday, Monday, May 23; the first week-day in July, Friday, July 1; the first Monday in August, Monday, August 1; the 30th day of August, Tuesday, August 30; Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival Day, Friday, September 30; the Third Monday in October, Monday, October 17; the day following Remembrance Sunday, Monday, November 14; the day following Christmas Day, Monday, December 26; the day following Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 27.

School Holidays: English Day, Tuesday, May 24.

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Dr. P. H. Teng's Bereavement

The many friends of Dr. P. H. Teng, senior Government Health Officer, will learn with deep regret of the bereavement he suffered this morning by the death of his wife, Leng Yin (nee Tay). Mrs. Teng passed away at the Queen Mary Hospital after 7 weeks' illness.

The cortege will leave the Funeral Home at 3 p.m. to photograph, following religious services beginning at 2.30. The interment will take place at the Chinese Christian cemetery.

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